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Some of abandoned Dynasty workers 'decide to go home'

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The Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI met again with affected overseas workers affected by the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino's practical abandonment of them to a limited supply of food and fuel and a utility bill that prompted them to be cut off from power more than a week ago.

Honorary consul Glicerio Arago met with the overseas workers on Saturday at the Natibu Park, said his representative Ariel Mariano.

The meeting follows a first visit the previous Saturday, a day after the hotel barracks' power was cut.

Arago flew to island around 8am

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Fr. Ryan appointed Bishop for Diocese of CK

» Bishop Emeritus Camacho calls for public support, prayer

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Pope Francis appointed Fr. Ryan P. Jimenez as bishop for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa last Friday. The historic appointment comes after nearly six years of "sede vacante," or the vacancy of an official seat, in the CNMI. His ordination will take place on Aug. 14, 2016, before the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother.

Jimenez, who will serve as the second bishop of the diocese, was notified of his appointment on June 18, 2016. The information was made public in a bulletin from the Vatican in Rome six days later at 8pm last Friday.

He addressed parishioners in his first mass after the appointment alongside brother priests and Bishop Emeritus Tomas A. Camacho at Mt. Carmel Cathedral early last Saturday.

"Yes, six years is long, but six days waiting for this announcement felt way longer," he told the crowd of parishioners. "It was then, only then,

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Then apostolic administrator for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa Fr. Ryan P. Jimenez meets Pope Francis for the first time at the Vatican in Rome two years ago. Jimenez was appointed as bishop for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa last Friday on the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

Saipan's latest catch: Bubba Gump Shrimp

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Saipan became the latest addition to the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. family with the seafood restaurant franchise opening its doors starting today. It will be the 44th location of the Landry's Restaurants-owned company.

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JON PEREZ

Triple J founder, president, and chief executive officer Robert H. Jones, fourth right, and CNMI Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, sixth left, lead the ribbon -cutting ceremony of the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. restaurant in Garapan yesterday.

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Members of the LGBT community and supporters joined Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog on Friday to declare June 24 to June 30 as "CNMI Pride Week."

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Heavy rains that pummeled West Virginia resulted in at least 24 deaths, leaving families homeless with the tearful realization that they're starting from scratch.

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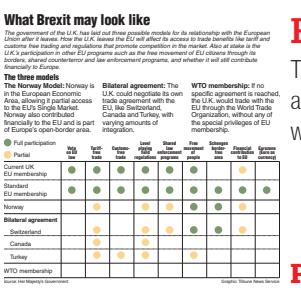
What Brexit may look like
The government of the U.K. has laid out three possible models for its relationship with the European Union after it leaves. How the U.K. leaves the EU will affect its access to trade benefits like tariff and customs free trading and regulations that promote competition in the market. Also at stake is the U.K.'s participation in other EU programs such as the free movement of EU citizens through its borders, shared counterterror and law enforcement programs, and whether it will still contribute financially to Europe.
The three models
The Norway Model: Norway is in the European Economic Area, allowing it partial access to the EU's Single Market. Norway also contributed financially to the EU and is part of Europe's open-border area.
Bilateral agreement: The U.K. could negotiate its own trade agreement with the EU, like Switzerland, Canada and Turkey, with varying amounts of integration.
WTO membership: If no specific agreement is reached, the U.K. would trade with the EU through the World Trade Organization, without any of the special privileges of EU membership.
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Kilili introducing ban on US shark fin trade

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) will introduce bipartisan legislation to ban the buying and selling of shark fins in the United States. Sablan made the announcement on Capitol Hill with other members of Congress, who are cosponsoring his bill, with officials from the ocean conservation group, Oceana, and with movie star and environmental spokesman Morgan Freeman.

Sablan's "Shark Fin Trade Elimination Act of 2016" takes its lead from a law enacted by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in 2011 that makes it illegal to possess, sell, or distribute shark fins in the islands. Both the CNMI law and Sablan's new bill do allow sharks to be caught for noncommercial subsistence purposes or with a government permit.

» National law would mirror CNMI conservation law

"In 2011, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands was the first U.S. insular area to enact legislation banning the trade in shark fins," said Sablan. "Today, three U.S. insular areas and 11 states have laws on the books to protect sharks.

"We are now building on that leadership from state and insular area legislatures by introducing national legislation to ban the buying and selling of shark fins throughout the United States."

The goal of Sablan's legislation is to halt the worldwide decline in shark populations by taking away the U.S. market for shark fins and removing a major economic incentive for shark finning. An estimated 73 million sharks are being caught each year for their fins and, in most cases, they are then thrown back in the water to drown.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

U.S. Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan has teamed up with Oceana and actor Morgan Freeman to make it illegal to buy and sell shark fins in the U.S. "Sharks are being killed for their fins, much like rhinos and elephants have been decimated due to the demand for their horns and tusks," Freeman said. "It's cruel. It's wasteful." The Mariana Islands, Sablan's district, banned shark finning locally in 2011. Joining Sablan and Freeman in the photo is Lora Snyder of Oceana.

"Destroying millions of sharks simply for their fins is a wasteful practice that our indigenous Chamorro and Rafaluwasch cultures would never have allowed. We would have used as much of the shark as possible for food, tools, and other purposes," Sablan explained. "In addition, our ancestors understood and respected the role of the shark in preserving the health of the oceans."

Freeman also explained the purpose of the bill. "While shark finning is banned in U.S. waters, we continue to buy, sell, and trade shark fins throughout the country. By allowing the trade of shark fins within our borders, the U.S. continues to contribute to this global problem."

"Shark finning is cruel and wasteful and is putting some

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Judge stays removal of Filipino mother of 2 US citizen children

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has stayed pending further court's order the removal from the U.S. or the CNMI of Amalia Abo Guanlao, a Filipino mother who has been in the CNMI for 22 years now and has two U.S. citizen children.

Guanlao filed a court action in her last-ditch effort to stop being separated from her family as she was ordered deported last Wednesday early morning. Guanlao, through counsel Stephen Woodruff, filed last Tuesday a petition for writ of habeas corpus.

In a written order issued on Thursday, Manglona ruled she finds that the court has jurisdiction over Guanlao's petition based on the facts currently before the court, and that she will also grant her request for an emergency order staying removal while the court hears the petition on the merits.

Manglona said she is mindful of the sensitive nature of these proceedings and will expedite the process.

Manglona discharged her previous order to show cause and set a status conference for last Friday at 3pm to address Guanlao's petition and to set a schedule, if appropriate.

The judge said nothing in her order shall foreclose respondents from filing a motion to dismiss this case or vacate this order for lack of jurisdiction. She said the respondents shall have an opportunity to be heard.

In Guanlao's petition, named as respondents are Immigration and Customs Enforcement supervisory detention and deportation officer Gerald Zedde, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Enforcement and Removal Operations acting supervisor M. Samaniego, and ICE immigration officer G. Andersen.

In the petition, Woodruff requested the court to determine the legality of her continued detention and intended removal from the United States or the CNMI. Woodruff asked the court to immediately order a stay of Guanlao's removal during the pendency of this case as her removal would result in irreparable harm to her and her two U.S. citizen children.

With the filing of the petition, Manglona issued an order last Wednesday, directing Guanlao, through counsel Woodruff, to appear in court and show cause why this matter should not be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

Manglona also ordered Woodruff to be prepared to discuss whether the petition is rendered moot if Guanlao has been removed from U.S.

At the order to show cause hearing last Wednesday at 4pm, Manglona asked Woodruff if his client, Guanlao, was removed from the U.S.

Woodruff told the court that Guanlao decided on her own to remain on Saipan.

After listening to Woodruff's arguments, Manglona noted that Woodruff has not made a sufficient showing that the court has jurisdiction. She said she will issue a written decision.

In her written order issued on the same day, Wednesday, Manglona said Guanlao sought review of the "legality of her continued detention and intended removal," as well as an order staying her removal during the pendency of these proceedings.

Manglona said because district courts were stripped of jurisdiction to hear cases attacking orders of removal by the REAL ID Act, the court issued an order to show cause why the petition should not be dismissed.

Manglona said although much of the petition was indeed devoted to attacking the removal order, some claims strike at independent issues.

In particular, the judge said, she finds that the court has jurisdiction to consider the petition based on Guanlao's ineffective assistance of counsel claims.

Manglona said as the Ninth Circuit held in Singh vs. Gonzales case, a "narrow claim of ineffective assistance of counsel in connection with a post-administrative filing an appeal with the court of appeals does not require review of an order of removal," and therefore "falls outside the jurisdiction-stripping provisions of the REAL ID Act."

In Guanlao's preliminary response, Woodruff said the matter is not moot as Guanlao did not present herself to the airport Wednesday morning as directed pursuant to the order of supervision and is still on Saipan.

Accordingly, Woodruff said, petitioner is in imminent jeopardy of arrest and being held in continuing physical custody until removed from the U.S.

"Arrest, physical detention, and actual removal from the United States will result in irreparable harm not only to petitioner but also to her U.S. citizen children, who not only were born on Saipan but have spent their entire life here," he said.

Woodruff said Guanlao has not asked the court to make any ruling at all with respect to the removal order itself.

To the contrary, he said, petitioner principally seeks to vindicate specific rights given her by Congress in

Title VII of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act as an alien lawfully present in the CNMI prior to Nov. 28, 2009.

According to the petition, Guanlao is married to another Filipino, Reynaldo M. Guanlao, who holds valid CW-1 immigration status.

The couple has two U.S. citizen children, born on Saipan. Mrs. Guanlao has been a resident of the CNMI for 22 years. She was placed in removal proceedings by the Department of Homeland Security in March 2011.

Woodruff said Gerald Zedde, as U.S. Department of Homeland Security Saipan Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer for detention and removal operations, signed the notice to appear issued to Guanlao on March 25, 2011.

Woodruff said Samaniego is an ICE official who signed the order of supervision issued to Guanlao on May 8, 2016.

He said G. Andersen is the ICE deportation officer who has ordered Guanlao to be at the airport at 2am Wednesday, June 22, for removal from the U.S.

Woodruff said if petitioner does not so appear and depart as ordered, she will be hunted down, arrested, and held in detention until removed from the U.S.

Guanlao, along with 120 other former employees, were plaintiffs in a civil action against La Mode Inc. in federal court.

Woodruff said Guanlao's claim against La Mode was not extinguished until June 9, 2011, when the lawsuit was dismissed with prejudice by stipulation of the parties in accord with a confidential settlement agreement.

Accordingly, Woodruff said, Guanlao was "lawfully present in the Commonwealth pursuant to the immigration laws of the Commonwealth on the transition program effective date [Nov. 28, 2009]" and thus was expressly protected by Congress from removal at least until June 8, 2011.

Woodruff said notwithstanding the explicit shield removal in the CNRA, Guanlao was placed in removal proceedings by DHS on March 15, 2011.

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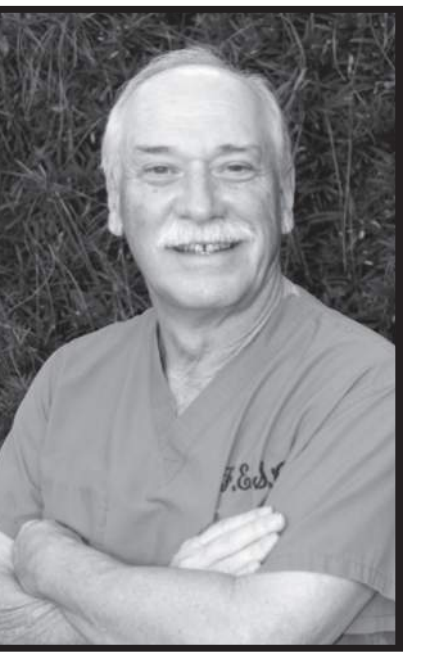

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Pictured is NMSA Lottery Manager Anicia Malek together with CK Store Manager Cindy during the $1000 cash presentation.

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for a meeting with about 60 people, mostly workers and their families, from about 10am to 4 pm, Mariano said.

Arago clarified with the overseas workers that it would still going to be their personal decision on plans and actions with the issue, said Mariano.

Most of the workers filled out forms, or Philippine government "Assistance to Nationals" form, on the kind of assistance needed from the Philippine government.

"Workers and families have decided to go home," said Mariano.

Some requested legal assistance on labor and immigration issues, he added.

It was earlier revealed that the workers had been on Tinian without worker status since late 2014.

Mariano said there was a lot of discussion about labor and immigration procedures and a request was made for a U.S. lawyer to take look at their concerns.

Others also requested medical assistance for daily medication for diabetes and high blood pressure, he said.

It was also decided that donations would be carried through the United Filipinos Association on Tinian or UniFil.

Mariano said that UniFil president Rodney Cabarles explained all donations, coming from Saipan organizations for example, would be distributed through UniFil and would be going to all affected nationals, not just Filipinos but also Bangladeshi or Nepalese workers affected, among others.

As this developed, Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas said they would preparing the Tinian Gymnasium and Youth Center for affected workers who decided to move out of the barracks, for a targeted "move-in" today, Monday.

It was earlier reported that the workers barracks only had enough fuel to run power for three hours a day and would be out of fuel within a week's time from the time their power was cut.

San Nicolas says they've called their work Operation Ayudu, which means "help" in Chamorro.

In an interview Thursday, he said a team in place was preparing the Tinian gym and youth center for the workers.

"It's given us a great opportunity to go through this motion in case a natural disaster come up," he said.

The windows, the doors, the lighting and fixtures of the gym need to be fixed, he also said. "This is a 25-year-old building. After the assessment, we figured there's some things that need to be fixed. We have a couple days to do that and we are doing that as we speak."

San Nicolas said they reached out to the Dynasty and gave out registration forms to find out how many are coming, their names, if they have allergies, among other information they need to know as hosts.

He added he would be meeting with the local American Red Cross chapter on Friday, who would be bringing in pallets of donations.

Businesses and lawmakers have already sent donations, he added.

They expected mosquito coils, canned goods, and mosquito tents, and anticipated about 10 pallets coordinated through the local Homeland Security and the Red Cross, according to the mayor.

"We are anticipating all," the Tinian mayor said, when asked how many would be moving from the Dynasty. Altogether there about 200 affected workers, he said, with several living outside in the community right now. As for those at the Dynasty, San Nicolas said there were about 148 people.

He said, though, others may find other places to stay.

"They have a lot of young kids. Some in high school. There's about 45 dependents of these employees," he said.

The gym and youth center should be ready for former workers by Friday for a move in by Monday, he said.

"We've prepared registration form…so we can better coordinate for their arrival to the gymnasium," he said.

Asked where the previous owners of the Tinian Dynasty management have been and he felt they have been "missing in action," San Nicolas said the chairman of their board was "gone" and "he's not here." And as far as upper level management goes, he knew of Sterling Lundgren, a communications agent, or go between previous Dynasty owner Hong Kong Entertainment and the expected new owners, Tinian Entertainment Corp.

"[Lundgren has] been very open and frank with me and with our team and I appreciate that. He has a very good attitude," San Nicolas said.

Still, asked if he felt like the HKE abandoned these employees, San Nicolas said, "I would prefer that chairman Wai Chan be here to face the music. But he's not here."

TEC awarded gaming license

Meanwhile, Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission on Friday awarded a conditional casino license to the Tinian Entertainment Corp., a move seen as a first step in getting the currently defunct Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino up and running again.

TEC aims to open the casino by December of this year and are still in the early stages of acquisition. The previous owners of the hotel were Hong Kong Entertainment.

Tinian Entertainment Corp. is a subsidiary of Chinese Strategic, which is closely associated with Chen.

Chinese Strategic, a Hong Kong stock exchange trading company, is one of the initial investors with Mega Stars for the purchase of HKE, which currently owns Tinian Dynasty.

Sen. Jude Hofshcneider (R-Tinian) says investor Tim Chen, of the Chinese Strategic Holdings Ltd. is very serious in his investment and had conformability to move forward with the project.

"It's great news for the island of Tinian," said Hofschneider. "The light at the end of the tunnel has become brighter."

The Tinian Dynasty has been indefinitely closed for months now, with earlier announcements that they would reopen unrealized.

Saipan Tribune earlier reported that the hotel, which suspended operations last March, was closed due to "low occupancy" and lack of "charter groups."

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Locals and tourists alike can now enjoy the taste of some of the best shrimp dishes and other mouthwatering seafood treats of the Triple J-owned franchise restaurant.

Bubba Gump vice president and chief operations officer Jim Dufault were among those from the corporate office in Houston, Texas who attended yesterday's ribbon-cutting ceremony at the newly constructed building I Love Saipan in Garapan. Triple J founder, president, and chief executive officer Robert H. Jones led officials from their company.

Dufault said that Bubba Gump is now seen in various locations around the world since its inception in 1996. The seafood restaurant chain was inspired by the 1994 movie *Forrest Gump* starring Tom Hanks.

"We're located in so many locations around the world. And we're going to promise to bring that same energy and enthusiasm with our Saipan staff and serve great food," said Dufault.

It was a veritable mix of the who's who in the community with former and incumbent government officials and prominent business people among the first to taste Bubba Gump's specials. Palau President Tommy Remengasau was also present yesterday.

Triple J invited 200 people with more than half attending yesterday's opening.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and First Lady Diann Torres, Reps. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan). Joseph Leepan Guerrero (R-Saipan), Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan), and Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), former governor Ben Fitial and wife Josie Fitial, CNMI Superior Court Associate judges Kenneth Govendo and Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio, and former Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio were among those spotted mingling with other community leaders.

The first Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. restaurant opened in Monterey, California in 1996 and since then 28 other locations sprouted in the United States. The company then branched out in other countries like the Philippines, Mexico, Malaysia, Japan, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and the United Kingdom.

The restaurant chain is named after fictional characters Benjamin Buford "Bubba" Blue and Forrest Gump, who met and became friends when they joined the U.S. Army in the height of the Vietnam War.

Bubba, in the film, told Forrest that he plans to buy a boat to enter the shrimping business after their tour of duty in Vietnam. He, however, died with Forrest pursuing the idea after the war.

Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. is a welcome addition to Saipan's already crowding restaurant industry. In the famous words of Bubba: "Shrimp is the fruit of the sea. You can barbecue it, boil it, broil it, sautee, bake it." Enjoy the shrimp overload.

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I understood the significance of time. That one day with the Lord could be like a thousand years or a thousand years could be like one day."

The bishop-elect explained that after conducting prescheduled meetings on Rota last week, he "found peace or peace found me." The island was where Jimenez started his religious life as a teacher there in 1995 for Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja.

He also expressed gratitude for his fellow priests, religious sisters, friends, longtime supporters, and devout followers.

While he works to further unify the Catholic community, he noted that he will also play the role of a student.

"While it is my role to teach, I must need to listen and be a student. We need to learn from each other," he added. "To my friends as I said: be my supporter but also be my No. 1 critique."

In his first act as bishop-elect, he urged the community to live healthy lives. He has been known to participate in several athletic events, even completing his first triathlon on island recently among many other activities.

Jimenez was born on December 18, 1971 in Dumaguete City, Philippines, joined the San Jose Seminary in Quezon and studied philosophy at the University of Manila. According to the Vatican bulletin, as a major seminarian for the Diocese of Saipan, he continued his studies in the United States, at St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park, California, getting a Masters in 2003.

He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa on June 8, 2003. Jimenez was appointed Apostolic Administrator of the diocese by Pope Benedict XVI in December of 2010.

Jimenez has played roles in the Church ranging from assistant priest in Kristo Rai Parish and secretary of the Bishop to Spiritual Director of the Cursillo Movement to Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

In a brief address during the liturgical celebration, Bishop Emeritus Tomas A. Camacho called on parishioners to unify in prayer.

Camacho, who was named the first CNMI bishop by Pope John Paul II in 1985, said, "I ask the Lord to give me up to August… to impose my hands on my successor."

"I would like to ask you to give him the support and the cooperation you have given me…he needs our prayers, our support, our cooperation," he added.

The message was shared by Fr. Ken Hezel, S.J., in his homily. "We, like Fr. Ryan, will require time to process what that means for him and us in the future. And we pray he will be filled with the courage and trust and compassion of Jesus in all that he does…" he said. "We realize today that the Lord does hear our prayers and does respond to our needs. Let us give thanks and praise."

"I feel that he is perfect for this appointment because I believe he is a people person and good listener. You can trust him and I feel that he really cares for his Church. His calling is very important to him," San Jose Tinian parish council treasurer Balbina Perez told *Saipan Tribune*. "He is concerned truly about what the whole Church is about. He really knows what is demanded of him because of his calling as a priest."

Like many others, Rota parishioner Mary Rose Lucero waited for this moment for many years. She described Jimenez as a person with a "compassionate heart."

She added that he is "brave to speak about problems and explore ideas. This means stability."

KILILI

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shark species at risk of extinction," added Lora Snyder, Campaign Director at Oceana. "To end shark finning, we need to end the demand for shark fins.

"We applaud the leadership of the bill's co-sponsors today in helping to end the commerce in shark fins in the United States." Cosponsoring Sablan's bill are:

- Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)
- Rep. Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU)
- Rep. Blake Farenthold (R-TX)
- Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ)
- Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA)
- Rep. John Katko (R-NY)
- Rep. Patrick Meehan (R-PA)
- Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA)
- • Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA)

Oceana used the occasion also to release a new report on declining shark populations, demonstrating why Congress needs to ban the buying and selling of shark fin products nationwide.

Sablan is in his fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He has served as Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs and is currently Vice Ranking Member of the House Natural Resources Committee, which has jurisdiction over ocean issues. ***(PR)***

BECQ documenting labor costs charged to EPA

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Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality administrator Frank Rabauliman says they've provided hundreds of thousands of documentation to support labor costs charged to their consolidated grant with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and are working to provide more by a deadline next year to substantiate the some $1 million in labor costs charged that EPA last week called "unsupported."

EPA's inspector general released a report based on audit findings for fiscal year 2014 and years questions about $1.08 in unallowable labor and fringe benefit costs charged to a consolidated grant by BECQ.

Seeking to clarify the issue, Rabauliman said the audit came out EPA's Pacific Island Office in Region 9, who responsible for oversight over the grant and that in order for them to do a complete audit they visited island to seek information from the bureau.

"But the gist of the findings—so that it's clear—has to do with time and attendance and basically narrow downs to 14 staff members who had worked on multiple tasks that had involved multiple funding sources," Rabauliman said.

"And we need to account for their time toward the grants that they were working on, and this is 14 staff over the period of five years and that's why it amounted to that's much money," he added.

"Between then and now, we've managed to provide close to 400,000 [copies] of documentation of the work that some of those staff did… But we've been given time up to September 2017 to do the remaining, to provide documentation of the remaining."

He disagrees with calling the costs "disallowed costs" because he thinks them to be "questioned costs," meaning the grantee can still and needs to provide documentation to show they are in compliance.

"That's what we are in the process of doing. After the questioned costs and you fail to demonstrate then it becomes a disallowed cost," he said.

The EPA report also slams the Region 9 officer for not providing adequate instruction to these local agencies and says their oversight was inconsistent over grants.

The inspector general called for improvements to in-kind and interagency agreement expenditure reporting and improving maintenance of Region 9 project officer files, which it says are not readily available to third parties.

The audit findings center on EPA "consolidate cooperative agreement, or CCAs, awarded to the DEQ and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for fiscal year 2014 and prior.

CUC acting executive director Gary Camacho still has not responded to a request for comment as of press time.

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog pose outside the Governor's Office with members and supporters of the islands' LGBT community on Friday after declaring June 24 to June 30 as "CNMI Pride Week."

Torres proclaims CNMI Pride Week

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

Waiving rainbow colored mini-flags and draping the same colors in parts of the Office of the Governor's press conference room table, members of LGBT community and supporters joined Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog on Friday to declare June 24 to June 30 as "CNMI Pride Week."

Torres is the first governor to proclaim such a week and he told reporters afterward he wanted to acknowledge and pay tribute to the "unfortunate" situation in Orlando, Florida, referring to where with recent mass shooting that left 49 dead in a gay nightclub in Orlando.

"Time has moved on," Torres said. "It's time for us to acknowledge and respect one another."

"Whoever one chooses to love or be with, I believe as a communtiy we are so loving in hospitality, we need to give that extra effort to respect one another.

"For our proclamation this whole week, our message is just to respect each other, respect who we love" and know "that's their choice," the governor added.

LGBT advocate Frankie Elliptico and event organizer said because of the Typhoon Soudelor last year they had to postpone many of big events like a pride celebration or pride party.

Their Pride Night on Friday was to pay tribute to the victims of those who perished in Orlando a couple of weeks ago, he said.

It's also to celebrate folks from all walks to life, he added.

"Celebrating one community as well as making sure everybody has an avenue to feel safe and to feel loved," Elliptico said.

The proclamation, signed by Torres on Friday, remembers the Orlando victims and others taken away by senseless and hate-fueled violence around the world, adding that CNMI stands united in love and unity with these victims and their families.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands have made, and continue to make, important and lasting contributions to the local community, the proclamation says and notes that even though more LGBT individuals in the CNMI are living their lives more openly and more happily than ever before, there remains much to be done to raise awareness about LGBT individuals and issues.

"Despite the progress made nationally to expand LGBT rights, LGBT individuals still face many difficulties and prejudice; in fact, data gathered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation confirms that, nationally, LGBT individuals are the targets of violent hate crimes more often than any other minority."

"Research shows that LGBT youth in the U.S. are nearly twice as likely to be bullied, called names, harassed, physically assaulted, or discriminated at school, work, and in their communities compared to their non-LGBT counterparts," it reads.

"The Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands is proud of the diversity of its population of its LGBT individuals" and it is "committed to ensuring that all minority groups in the CNMI, including LGBT individuals, continue to thrive as individuals and continue to make valuable contributions to society."

"…With this declaration, our community can be empowered to shut the door on prejudice and discrimination, and further open the gates to more acceptance of every individual's unique traits and talents, and strengthen equality in our Commonwealth."

The proclamation comes in line with President Barack Obama's presidential directive proclaiming June as LGBT Pride Month.

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Miss CNMI Liberation candidates assist with relief efforts

The 2016 Liberation Day Royal Court candidates parade their cultural attire during the Liberation Day Carnival opening last June 10. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The 2016 Miss CNMI Liberation Royal Court, along with the Saipan Mayor's Office and Skywalker Communications Group, and the Liberation Committee, have teamed up to assist and donate in the relief of the CW workers and their family who have been severely affected by the closure of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

"The candidates are devastated that the people on one of our islands in the CNMI are struggling to overcome this hardship that was caused by something that is not of their doing," said Rose Ada-Hocog, Skywalker's Public Relations and Communications manager and Royal Court chairwoman. "They empathize with the current situation that many of the workers in the entire CNMI are facing."

Since Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan on August 2015, the island was left with no electricity and water. Likewise, the closure of Tinian Dynasty, left some CW workers on Tinian with no choice but to live in tents due to lack of power on their barracks.

The candidates express their heartfelt concerns to the well-being of each individual, especially to the young children of families who were affected. "There are 48 families affected by the closure and removal of 164 employees," explained Malena Hofschneider, 2016 Miss CNMI Liberation's Tinian liaison officer. "Children of these families range from 4 month old to 3 years old".

"This is a situation that is beyond their control", said Christine Roque, 2016 Miss CNMI Liberation public information officer. "We commend them for their strength, positivity, and continued hope for better days."

"We are doing this because we care for all the people in the CNMI, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, etc.," said Shanthia Espinosa, 2016 Miss CNMI Liberation Royal Court President. "These workers on Tinian, like those on Saipan and Rota, have dedicated and contributed years of their life in service to our community. It is only right for all of us to come together to assist them regardless of their status. We want them to know that we will do what we can to help them".

The 2016 Miss CNMI Liberation Royal Court are accepting donations in the form of canned goods, toiletries, trash bags, drinking water, mosquito coils, baby formulas, milk, diapers, and school supplies for the employees and their families who were affected by the closure of the Tinian Dynasty. All donations will be greatly appreciated. For any donations, you may contact any candidate or send an email to rose.tadahocog@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

CARE plans Soudelor anniversary commemoration

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts is planning to have three major events in the first year anniversary of Saipan's devastation from Typhoon Soudelor, which ravaged the island on Aug. 2. A ride to recovery, morning ritual, and to memorialize everything are the plans.

CARE, a multi-organization non-profit group that has brought people together after the storm, discussed these in their meeting last Tuesday at the Governor's Office conference room.

CARE is looking to partner with businesses where they would sponsor those who will join the ride to recovery, while the planned morning ritual is an inter-faith community prayer service to be held at the Capital Hill field just across the Governor's Office.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts' new logo is a circle that has hands joined together symbolizing unity with the Latte stone at the center.

The prayer service is open to all religious denomination on the island.

CARE, as of the moment, is looking for someone to organize the program that would memorialize how Saipan recovered after suffering extensive damage in one of the the worst storms to hit Saipan.

"The anniversary will give us the opportunity to show the community what we've been doing since last year. It will show what we did in the recover efforts," said CARE director Jenny Hegland.

They are also looking to hold a crisis counseling program with the help of the CNMI chapter of the American Red Cross.

Americorps volunteer Maxine Laszlo, who just arrived on Saipan, has also helped CARE in revamping its Facebook page (@carecnmi) where the updates and other activities of the group are posted. There's also an electronic button where people can donate.

CARE also has a new logo, which is a circle that has hands that are joined together symbolizing unity with the Latte stone at the center.

Chargualaf asks Vietnam War vets to join LibDay parade

Mac Chargualaf is asking all Vietnam War Veterans to contact him if ever they plan to participate and join other veterans in the Liberation Day parade set on July 4.

Chargualaf said he wants to know the shirt sizes of the war veterans who would join the parade, which is expected to start at Quartermaster Road.

A separate tent will be reserved for Vietnam War veterans who will join the Liberation Day parade. Organizers are planning to set up the tent across the grandstand.

A brief but formal ceremony would also be help where Vietnam War veterans would be given pins to commemorate the years of service they gave in the U.S. Armed Forces. The ceremony would just be short and done in a dignified manner.

Vietnam War veterans are those who served, have been deployed, and worked in a military base or in the office from Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

The U.S. Department of Defense has also recognized Saipan as one of its partners for the Vietnam War commemoration.

Aside from Chargualaf, former Senate president Pete Reyes and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang are Vietnam War veterans. There are also about 30 more here in the CNMI.

For more information, call Chargualaf at 285-1948. ***(Jon Perez)***

Air Force, Navy to conduct training at FDM, W-517

ASAN, Guam—The Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla from June 27 to 30, 10am-7:30pm.

The Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) June 28 from noon to 10pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon, located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, provide sufficient room to conduct the many training profiles required to support aircrew combat readiness requirements.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy birthday second birthday KianaZayde San Nicolas. We love you God bless and enjoy your special day. Love, Daddy, Mommy, and the rest of the family.

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Happy first birthday Melenie Rae Lieto Selepeo. God bless and enjoy your special day. Love, Mommy, Daddy, and the rest of the family.

Lucky patrons treated to free movie tickets

MACKENZIE PEREZ
Jolena Kitano, second right, and three of her family members were among the first ones to watch *Independence Day: Resurgence* last Thursday night at the Regal Cinema Saipan.

A total of 18 individuals won four free movie tickets each in the Aloha Maid & Royal Mill 3D Summer Movie Premier Promo. The winners and each of their three companions watched the premiere of *Independence Day: Resurgence* last Thursday night at Regal Cinema Saipan.

The winners also received $30 worth of gift cards. The movie promo requires an individual to buy six packs of Aloha Mai or four packs of Royal Mill to get a chance to earn one entry for the chance to win free movie passes.

Jolena Kitano, one of the winners, said that her mother told her about the promo. She added that she was happy and excited to be among the first ones on Saipan to get the chance to watch the movie.

Kitano said the movie's main theme was about independence and the value of being free.

Another winner said she's psyched to watch the film since it has been 20 years since the first movie was shown. She found out about the promo in a nearby store and said that it looked interesting so she decided to join.

Independence Day: Resurgence is a sequel to *Independence Day* that was released two decades ago.

The movie stars Jeff Goldblum, Liam Hemsworth, Bill Pullman, Vivica Fox, Maika Monroe, Judd Hisch, and many more. *Independence Day: Resurgence* is now showing at Regal Saipan

Aloha Maid has another upcoming Summer Movie Premier Promo for *Ice Age: Collision Course*. Watch out for the announcement of the promo. Posters are already displayed in stores around the Island. ***(Mackenzie Perez)***

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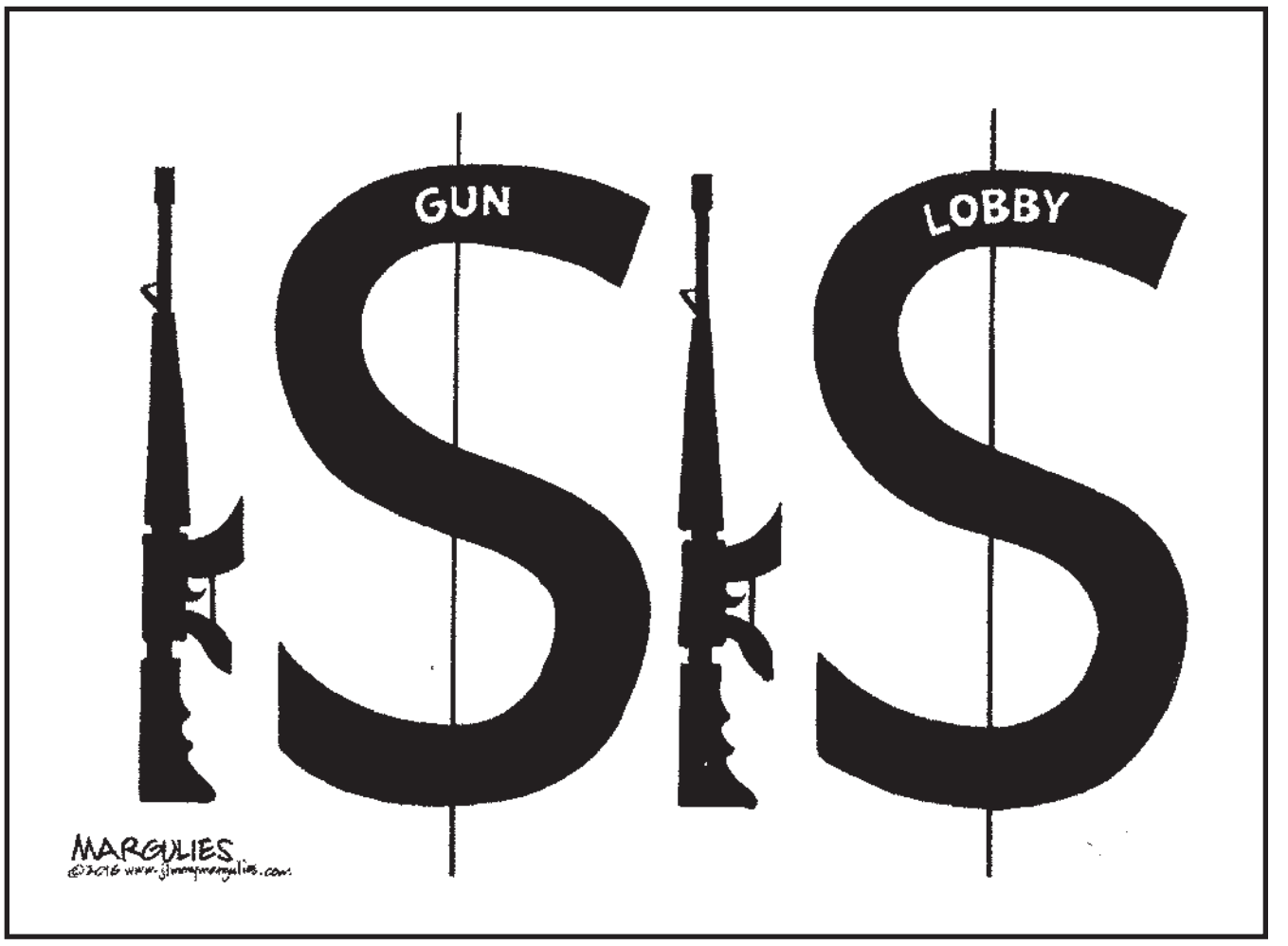

EDITORIAL

US House sit-in reflects new momentum for reasonable gun laws

Something is happening on gun control. There is a persistent flame of protest that is getting stronger instead of weaker, fanned by Americans who are disgusted at repeated outbreaks of gun violence — and not just from would-be terrorists.

During an unprecedented sit-in by Democrats on the U.S. House floor from Wednesday into early Thursday, one representative said that if guns made America safer, this would be the safest country in the world. Clearly, it is not, and as mass shootings become more frequent and the body count grows, those who support some restoration of common-sense control are getting bolder and louder.

Americans should not expect nor want to see the House sit-in become a common tactic, but sometimes, as Rep. John Lewis said, it's time to get into "good trouble." The bills themselves are so very modest: Background checks of private gun sales, bringing them into line with what every licensed firearms dealer in the country already does. Lifting the Orwellian federal ban on funding research on gun violence. And, finally, barring individuals who are deemed too dangerous to board a commercial flight from purchasing a gun. House Democrats, after watching those proposals go down in defeat in the Senate last week, were determined that they would not be denied a vote. But the GOP majority decided it would use its power to shut down the House rather than take a vote they know would go against the rising public demand for action on gun violence.

In the meantime, one Republican senator — Susan Collins of Maine — struggled to build a little bipartisanship, but that too was snuffed out by GOP leaders who rushed a vote to the floor on Thursday, just as she was building momentum for her bill. Despite having a good mix of Republican and Democratic support for her proposal to stop those on the government's no-fly list from purchasing weapons, the effort fell eight votes short. The no-fly list is far smaller than the FBI's Terrorist Watchlist. As GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham put it, "If you're on this list, it's not because you went to a Tea Party rally or you've got a political ax for the president or you're a liberal. You're on this list because you're doing things that unnerve the FBI to the point that you can't fly on an airplane."

Graham was a cosponsor of Collins' bill, as were Republicans Jeff Flake of Arizona and Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire. A number of Democrats had joined in as well, including Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and Wisconsin's Tammy Baldwin. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid also recently announced his support. It was a modest bill. It did nothing to expand background checks or fund research on gun violence — two vital objectives. But it did represent a small step forward.

The House is done now, gaveled to recess in the predawn hours Thursday by Republican leaders eager to end the sit-in that had galvanized millions of Americans who watched it via the streaming app Periscope long after House cameras were shut down.

This effort can't end there. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., said

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By JAIME VERGARA
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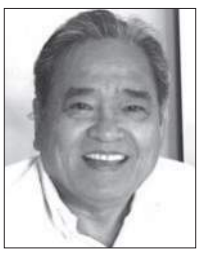

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Our title phrase is one we used to designate functional and assigned role leadership in teams and other corporate bodies we formed among ourselves in the '60s. It focused on the role and function of a lead, rather than power and status of a position, what one does rather than who folks think they are.

The ethos of power and status is thick even among the basic level of our island's elementary education. I have commented on how children vie for the position at the head of the line when lining up, to be designated as being in charge when one is evidently in the good graces of a teacher, and to be awarded a certificate of recognition of some sort so that one's value is affirmed.

That's how we have affirmed selfhood, and the intent is obviously fair but the method is a competitive drive from Wall Street that allows one to stand on the shoulders of others, and drive down the others if necessary.

Zoroaster of Persia split reality between the spirit of good and evil; god and the demon was born. In the world of spirit are the vying forces of what is right and what is wrong, and we train our young to discern the difference.

The Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches created an ecclesiastical structure that determined what was good and what was evil. Rites and rituals, symbols and behaviors appropriate for each were developed. Social stability ensued.

In the West, the Roman Church provided the medieval structure of social order until the nationalistic impulse of the local evolved, first, with the English lords that got the sovereign to sign on the Magna Carta, and later, the canton and parishes of inland Europe among the Germans and the Swiss. The question of authority was raised, and the Augustinian monk Martin Luther invoked the authority of Scripture and the congregational structure evolved, so the approach to Scripture, even determining version, became the applied measure.

I am not really against all of the above but they do tend to be distracting over the function of leading, especially when one acts out as a "bully" more than as a "leader".

We shall not tire of the "winner and free" story, not only because it is true, but it is a way of getting around this penchant to be a leader, to be No. 1 ahead of everyone.

(We rehearse it one more time: everyone born is one of a minimum 200 million sperms and the egg about to be fertilized does not allow the first one that arrives to penetrate. One out of 200 million is an incredible lottery odd, and the egg, whatever norms it follows, chooses which sperm comes in. That is true of everyone; at the moment of conception, one is a winner and free.)

If children are told of this "beginning" of everyone, then they understand each one to be different, and need not get into the Malthusian bias that "there is not enough to go around for everyone," to compete for the inadequate supply. How long have we operated out of this mindset where Anglican Malthus turned economist guru lead the UN and ADB policies and operations by the nose?

So, "first among equals" is a very radical notion, but also, closer to the truth than the bias of competition thrust upon us by almost everyone because trade and commerce in the West flourished because of competition. Right? Think again.

In the secular arm of the Ecumenical Institute, known in Micronesia as the "blue shirts" of the Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA), the corporate logo is a circle split into two, the conservatives and the progressives, but the wedge blade cutting across extends outside of the circle, using the metaphor of the "not yet" and the "no longer" appropriate, a trans-establishment stance to recognize the conserving virtue and the liberal tradition, though both positions are never sufficient places to get stuck into as our political divisions tend to go into.

When my family got around to creating our family symbol, we followed the same circle-wedge blade rationale, save the Zoroastrian split turned into the yin-yang with the wedge blade cutting across both but still spilling outside the circle to indicate that the balancing activity on both parts of the circle happens outside of it.

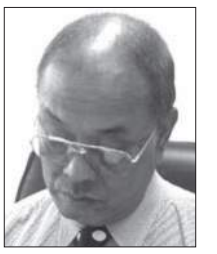
This, of course, does not make sense to anyone who has not struggled through developing their own symbol (too intellectual, is it?), or, articulating what their life story is all about. It is a human thing to do, not only because it takes the notion of selfhood seriously, but more importantly, at how the consciousness of it is formed.

The "first among equals" metaphor defies current definitions of leadership where we polish reputation and status. On pay alone, the CEO of any corporation gets paid, sometimes, 40 times that of the common worker. That does not make sense, nor is the CEO perceived as one among equals.

It is in this status symbol direction that our young are trained to aspire, and one's position in any corporate structure is determined by the status of one's role. It is sad but, nonetheless, true. First among equals, I am!

Archdiocese in shambles

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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The grassroots movement in the Archdiocese of Agana seeking removal of Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron has blown up into a towering inferno. It deals with four victims alleging the archbishop sexually molested them years ago. Troubling!

Initially, I dismissed it as a war of accusations and denials. The narrative shifted as more former altar boys came forward with accusations. It came right in the midst of the resignation of board members—a group under the archdiocese—responsible for investigating reported priestly pedophilia. Wasn't this issue a national scandal in recent past?

I asked for additional information from my cousin, David J. Sablan, vice president of the Concerned Catholics of Guam, Inc., just to secure a clear history of the entire nine yards and to do justice to the issue.

Appalling the calculated agenda by Apuron who allegedly corralled money and property belonging to the Archdiocese of Agana to the Neocatechumenal Way organization headed by people from without the island. It begins to show why Apuron allegedly wanted control of the seminary property in Yona (worth about $75 million) where he thought he could silently impose command, control, and disposition without notice and consent of the faithful.

As a traditional Catholic, I probed the neocatechumenal group to see for myself what it espouses. There's the interview with Bishop Athanasius Schneider, the episcopal delegate for the group in Kazakhstan. He calls the group "A Trojan Horse in the church."

He pointed out that the most dangerous aspect of their practice pertains to the Eucharistic sacrifice it has reduced to a "fraternal banquet." Why would the neocats mangle and degrade the propitiatory ecclesiastical and spiritual significance of the Eucharistic sacrifice?

Schneider's viewpoint confirmed words from four popes in the mid-20th century that warned of the work of religious heretics or emancipated priests whose agenda is the weakening of the ecclesiastical authority of the church. This seems to be an objective the Neocatechumenal Way is pursuing in Guam.

"There was the ranks of the priesthood itself, who, feigning a love for the Church, lacking the firm protection of philosophy and theology, nay more, thoroughly imbued with the poisonous doctrines taught by the enemies of the Church, and lost to all sense of modesty, vaunt themselves as reformers of the Church; and, forming more boldly into a line of attack, assail all that is most sacred in the work of Christ, not sparing even the person of the Divine Redeemer, whom, with sacrilegious daring, they reduce to a simple, mere man..."

The goal is infiltration of the traditional teachings of the church not by killing the faithful but the faith. "We have said, they put their designs for her ruin into operation not from without but from within; hence, the danger is present almost in the very veins and heart of the Church, whose injury is the more certain, the more intimate is their knowledge of her.

"Moreover, they lay the axe not to the branches and shoots, but to the very root, that is, to the faith and its deepest fires. And having struck at this root of immortality, they proceed to disseminate poison through the whole tree, so that there is no part of Catholic truth from which they hold their hand, none that they do not strive to corrupt.

What a waste in intellectual acuity descending into an egghead and the obvious shift disavowing poverty morphing into opulence. It explains Apuron's monetary greed of the highly valued properties of the archdiocese. It would have to be returned to the church, meaning the people or faithful who have guarded and worked upon it for the fiscal needs of the diocese for generations.

I also understand that Apuron was assigned to Saipan in the past as a priest. What's interesting though was his frequent relocation from one parish to the next. Did any of our altar boys suffer sexual abuse but have kept silent all these years? Priestly pedophilia here is wide spread that merits probing too. It needs to be done to clear the air once and for all.

As painful and humiliating this may be for Apuron, it's time to put final closure to accusations by admitting the truth followed by resignation. I'm sure he and cronies like Vicar Gen. David Quitugua and Chancellor Adrian Cristobal understand that it's the church flock and their jolted faith that needs to be brought home once more. We could do without the trio. But each of the laity deserves his/her peace of mind found in the tranquility of traditional Catholicism. My prayers and Si Yuus Maase`!

Footprints

Occasionally, we all lose focus throughout the course of the day. I would revisit vision of footprints on the sand along the shore where grandpa, with throw net in hand, once paced juvenile fish in shallow water. I would follow it, a step at time, to collect fish he's left on the beach.

It's humbling the invisible footprints lodged in my mind I'd follow when off course. I would reset buttons to netsurf major papers, research work and rummage through piles of reading materials. It's a perfect recipe to avoid dementia.

This brings into focus the competency of boards, commissions and policymakers. If the CUC board is a microcosm of incompetency no wonder the travel to Korea when there are studies on renewable energy to review including ascertaining that federal court-stipulated orders are followed. A junket was priority number one over the future of energy here.

If the board can't fathom issues before it what then could ratepayers expect in the short term on water and power? Would not the delay in the emplacement of basic infrastructure choke planned projects set to roll out of the runway, so to speak? Revisit footprints for you might find a sense of realistic direction showing you also know your ABCs!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Culture of homophobia and gun violence

Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan failed to recognize in his June 17 and June 24 e-Kilili newsletters (his response to me in this newspaper notwithstanding) is that the LGBTQ and allied persons who died were targeted precisely because they identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer and because they happened to be straight allies who were celebrating with their LGBTQ friends. What happened in Orlando did not happen in a vacuum: what occurred there was the result of a culture of homophobia and gun violence. What happened in Orlando was a hate crime.

I honor the work Congressman Kilili has done on behalf of the LGBTQ community of the CNMI, but that doesn't excuse the glaring omission in his June 17 newsletter and the lack of a follow-up statement in his June 24 newsletter.

The Congressman's reasoning is an all too familiar and insidious line of rhetoric espoused by many people in the wake of the Orlando massacre, and one that the stateside LGBTQ community vehemently denounced to remind everyone that the attack happened at a gay nightclub and that those who died were members of the LGBTQ community.

When you gloss over the fact that those who died were killed because they were LGBTQ and allies of LGBTQ people, you deny everyone else the opportunity to hear their stories. That they were lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer and were celebrating with their straight allies in a space that was supposed to be safe cannot be overemphasized.

When people in positions of authority and power fail to recognize that the victims were LGBTQ and LGBTQ allies, they give tacit approval to others who would do the same and in doing so, perpetuate homophobia and misunderstanding in our community.

I look forward to working with Congressman Kilili and to continuing this conversation with him and others about meaningful gun control legislation and about eradicating homophobia and anti-LGBTQ violence in our community.

Jonathan Pangelinan Del Rosario Cabrera
Gualo Rai

CW, immigration, and our leaders

Why is it that the people elected to represent the residents of the CNMI are silent on the single most critical factor that will have a most extreme negative impact on our economy, our government, our people and their future as well as the that of generations to come? Election year uncertainty? Or is it a severe case of the "don't know what to do, can't seem to understand the situation or status quo as in let somebody else handle this one politics?"

Wake up, the CNMI needs action now. We do not need you folks going from event to social functions, and wakes and funerals looking for recognition or worse, someone who recognizes you! Stop the politics and act, as one cohesive unit. I feel that the Republican majority in our Legislature is silently or, perhaps, covertly, suppressing the minority's proposals in the committees, or many times "file-13" the minority's proposals. I understand politics work that way but that should be done judiciously so there is progress and to avoid a loggerhead. I'm addressing this to our administration, our Legislature and our Washington delegate.

For those of you who have been asleep (we know one that's quite famous for sleeping during the sessions in the House who might again be running in November's elections) or are trying a little too hard to ignore the problems with our workforce, you need to get the heck out of office. Stop wasting money on bush-cutting, that's NOT your job! Sit down and work on the options we have which can possibly provide long term solutions for all of us. Short-term fixes is all you know and do. Do you have a medium-range economic recovery objectives, and a long-range economic recovery objectives to get us out of the doldrums we're facing after the garment factories left? The problem has already been identified for you so your job's a little easier.

Again for the sake of clarity, the root of our problem is our lack of immigration control. Maybe we should be meeting with the Department of Labor. *I kuentos munana magof, i kuentos munana bubu*. Let's try negotiating some more. All these issues with the CWs and the H2s and the impending economic doom these will result in can be headed off now, not in a couple of years or 2019.

The U.S. wresting of immigration control from us is an abuse at the very least. We do not belong to the U.S., nor are we U.S. property. We have a unique political relationship called a commonwealth, similar to Puerto Rico, and it's sort of like a marriage or even a cohabitation-type in which one partner can be abusive or inconsiderate. America has a condescending attitude that has to stop. Let's negotiate for the return of our "immigration." We could do that, right? Negotiate? Do we have tougher options? Maybe demand? Or are we at U.S.'s mercy? What is it?

America took back our immigration control due to national security, but we know better don't we? Think control, think military presence, think three defense echelons. We are pawns in the politics of the world. Russia's Putin is in China, he is happy with Greece's planning to visit Russia, ISIS now is looking at Malaysia and the Philippines, BRexit won, Scotland is thinking about exiting from UK, Russia is concerned about EU's potential disintegration and the effect of it on Russia's trade ties, Xi Jinping severed ties with Taiwan. The Philippine's Duterte is unhappy with U.S. I tell you, we are very, very small and so are expendable. But the war game strategists found us. Simple Google Earth. And, should Kim Jong Un decide to prove a point, he can nuke us and Guam, and the U.S. will not engage for fear of starting WWIII. It's Star War scenario. The infrared battle satellites are focusing on this region, among others. The "DIVERT." No USMC's storming of Pagan beach or the continued bombings of Medinilla and Anatahan. What would happen after the leases end? Is this what we want?

In the meantime, our very lives are at stake. Our future, most everything we own. And unless we do something to get our immigration control back, that bankruptcy that has been threatening is looming ever closer, perhaps even by December 2017. How about switching agency to the Department of Labor for the CWS. I hope I'm so wrong but unless our immigration problems are fixed now, we shall lose our workers, skilled and unskilled and it is only us, all of us, who are too proud to admit our past mistakes with our own affairs, will be the victims. You do understand that last word, right? Victims. Mass exodus. Critical drop in the buying public, workers, renters, leases, foreign business owners, etc.

So, stop the petty and useless politicking and prancing around as if you people are somebody, you work for us. Negotiate with the U.S. to return its control of our immigration. Let's try negotiation. Can we call it an "end-run instead of trying to slam

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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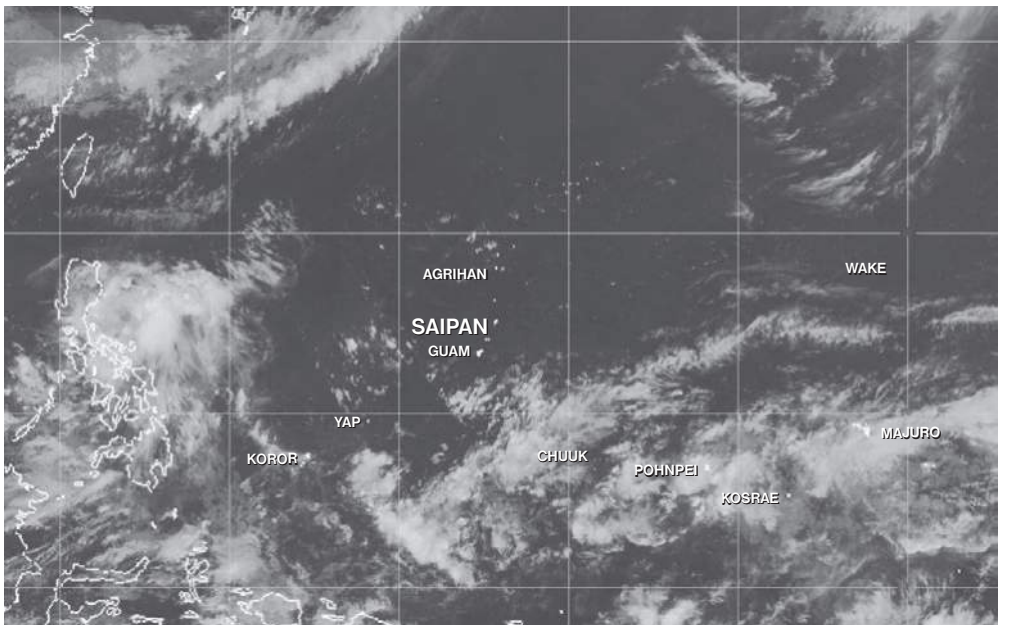

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough runs east-southeastward from near Mindanao through 7N130E to a broad circulation centered southwest of Chuuk near 4N146E, then turns eastward as a surface trough to end north of Kosrae at 6N163E. Converging west winds south of the monsoon trough are producing scattered showers and few thunderstorms south of Koror, west of a line from 6N130E to EQ137E. Similar weather is also occurring near the monsoon trough and circulation within 135 miles of a line from 7N138E to 2N145E to 7N150E. Scattered showers are seen near the surface trough south of chuuk within 100 miles of 4n154e. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found farther east over Pohnpei, Kosrae the Marshall Islands between 3N and 10N from 156E to 172E. A trade-wind disturbance is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of the Marshall Islands, east of a line from 10N172E to 4N177E. Divergent winds southwest of an upper-level low centered northeast of Chuuk at 15N156E are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Chuuk within 90 miles of a line from 8N150E to 11N156E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲62	▼53
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼74
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼82
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼72
London	Cloudy	▲67	▼59
Los Angeles	Clear	▲85	▼67
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲91	▼76
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲54	▼43
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼78
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼68
Osaka	Clear	▲84	▼68
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼57
Pusan	Clear	▲79	▼68
Rome	Clear	▲85	▼70
Salem	Clear	▲90	▼58
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼55
Seoul	Clear	▲88	▼63
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	▲80	▼68
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼64

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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:51 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.99 Feet
07:17 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.82 Feet
12:12 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.51 Feet
6:47 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.25 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:49 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	-	11:42 AM
Tuesday	12:11 AM	12:38 AM
Wednesday	12:57 AM	1:35 PM
Thursday	1:45 AM	2:34 PM
Friday	2:36 AM	3:34 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
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UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
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PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
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SAIPAN TO ROTA

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DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The CW problem is a non-issue

The current CW situation is a non-issue at all as certain public officials purported it to be. A brief political retrospection is necessary. You see, prior to 2008 (enactment of U.S. Public Law 110-229-the Consolidated Natural Resources Act CNRA) the Commonwealth was "conditionally" allowed to have full control over the administration and management of its immigration policies per Covenant provision as authorized by U.S. Congress. Immigration matters are congressional vested authority constitutionally conferred to and upon the Congress of the United States where its plenary powers over immigration is absolute. Even the President of the United States is generally powerless on this specific issue. As a matter of fact as recently as three weeks ago, the United States Supreme Court denied hearing American Samoa citizenship petition affirming congress absolute power on immigration.

Contract workers or CW is the same as nonresident workers or NW, which was a term used by our local government (prior to federal takeover) to described foreign laborers brought in to the Commonwealth by U.S. eligible employers for employment purposes only. The distinctive difference is that NW was governed under the legislative enacted Non Resident Workers Act (H.B. 21. H.D.1, S.D.2 or PL. 3-66) by the Commonwealth Legislature in the'80s. The classification of these foreign workers was changed from NW to CW as a result of the enactment of US PL 110-229 in May 8 of 2008, a CNMI only status. No other states in the continental United States or territories were ever granted such category and privilege.

If one recalls, one of the fundamental principles contained in U.S. PL 110-229 was to zero-out foreign contract workers in the CNMI. Thus, under the same statute the CNMI was given five years grace period to transition its U.S. workforce into the private employment job marker, unfortunately insignificant efforts has been done to take advantage

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Thursday that "we are going back to our congressional districts, we are going to engage our constituents on this subject and we will not allow this body to feel as comfortable as in the past. On July 5, we will return, and at that time we will be operating on a new sense of a purpose."

It is hoped that in that time, Republicans too will talk to their constituents and return prepared to find a true middle ground that restores the balance of rights and regulation intended by constitutional framers.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities
2017 – 2021 State Plan Goals & Objectives

Each State Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council is required to submit a 5-Year State Plan to the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) outlining the intended use of federal funding allocated for its basic operational grant. State Plans are focused on improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities through full inclusion and participation in all aspects of community life. The federal government expects DD Councils to identify goals that can be achieved in five years using available resources. Federal law mandates that the State Plan address some or all the Areas of Emphasis established by Congress in the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act).

The Areas of Emphasis are as follow:
Child Care – Community Supports – Early Intervention – Education – Employment – Health Related—Housing—Quality Assurance—Recreation—Transportation

The CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities will be conducting its public hearings on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota on how best the Council can and should serve all individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. During the public hearings, all persons with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, the general public will be provided the opportunity to review and offer comment or input on its 2017-2021 FIVE YEAR STATE PLAN.

	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TINIAN	JUNE 21, 2016	1:00pm-2:00pm	NMC-Tinian Campus Room "C" **(Via Video Telecommunication)**
ROTA	JUNE 22, 2016	1:00pm-2:00pm	NMC-Rota Campus **(Via Video Telecommunication)**
SAIPAN	JUNE 30, 2016	1:00pm-2:00pm	Assistive Technology Center **Building#1310, Capitol Hill**

CNMI CDD's proposed priorities are set forth in our Five-Year State Plan, which is developed based on data gathered from a statewide needs assessment of the most pressing needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and the areas of emphasis that the Council will focus on for the next five years. Please note that CNMI CDD does not provide direct services.

CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities
State Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2017 – 2021
Goals & Objectives

Goal 1 – Self Advocacy
Promote and support the development of leadership and self advocacy capacity among people with development disabilities.

Objective 1.1 – Self-Advocacy
Provide support to strengthen a State Self-Advocacy organization led by people with developmental disabilities.
Objective 1.2 – Self-Advocacy
Support opportunities for people with developmental disabilities who are considered leaders to provide leadership training to individuals with developmental disabilities who may become leaders.
Objective 1.3 – Self-Advocacy
Support participation of people with developmental disabilities in cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.

Goal 2 – Service System Improvement
The Council will work with partners on at least two (2) systems change initiative and provide information, education, and skill building activities each year so that individuals and/or students with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have improved transition services from high school through post-school transition into meaningful post-school outcomes with adequate services and supports and increased opportunities in employment in the CNMI.

Objective 2.1 – Employment
By 2021, create more opportunities for young adults and job seekers with developmental disabilities to have meaningful employment opportunities with competitive wages and exhibit their abilities and skills in an inclusive environment working alongside their peers without disabilities by working with the CNMI Disability Network Partners to educate communities, training staff, and writing one state policy by September 2021 to improve services that support fully integrated, competitive employment.
Objective 2.2 – Transition
By 2021, collaborate with the CNMI Transition Coalition, the CNMI Disability Network Partners and others to create or improve at least one practice designed to improve transition outcomes for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities from high school through postsecondary education/training.

Goal 3 - Respite Care
Family members and/or Caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities and individuals who are medically fragile will have access to respite services made available through the Commonwealth Respite Services Program (CNMI PL 14-36).

Objective 3.1 - Respite Care
By 2021, collaborate with the Commonwealth Respite Service Program and partners to improve and/or expand training to thirty (30) respite caregivers in underserved and unserved communities of Tinian and Rota.

Goal 4 - Emergency Preparedness
People with developmental will be afforded the same level of safety as all, be involved in the process to plan, advocate, and take charge for themselves when an emergency arise, and to have a clear idea of what to do in such situation.

Objective 4.1 – Emergency Preparedness
By 2021, collaborate with the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, CNMI Disability Network Partners, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, CNMI CORE and other community -based stakeholders to effectively incorporate the functional and accessibility needs of CNMI residents with developmental disabilities in emergency planning.

Your Input Wanted:
Public review of the Five Year State is required by law and helps us improve the plan. The public review period provides a 45-day window of opportunity for CNMI residents to evaluate the newly developed Goals and Objectives, and to share their comments so we can make improvements. We also welcome your suggestions for strategies and activities to help us achieve these goals and objectives.
The Five Year State Plan will be available on online at www.cnmicdd.org

Other accessible formats of the document are available upon request. Please contact our office at (670) 664-7003/5 or email cnmicouncilondd@gmail.com
Please submit written comments by email to cnmicouncilondd@gmail.com or by fax at (670) 323-7006. For each comment, please reference goal number and objective number.

Comment period:
May 19 – July 2, 2016
Comments must be received via email by 4:30 p.m. CHST on July 2, 2016.

Thank you for your input!

BSI, DPS tag-team to fix CWA's new home

Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility team's recent collaboration with the Department of Public Safety's cadets helped restore the new home for the CNMI Women's Association in Capital Hill.

CWA chair and Rep. Felicdad Ogumoro (R-Saipan) said she was fortunate to work and collaborate with entities such as Best Sunshine.

"This project requires a lot of work so we definitely need a lot of hands," said Ogumoro. "Luckily, the BSI CSR team can provide us that large amount of help that we need for this project. After waiting for so long, we were blessed to be assigned one of the government facilities up at Capitol Hill and we were even more lucky to receive help from the Best Sunshine CSR department and the DPS cadets."

The revamping of the building alone is a three-phased project that requires manpower, Ogumoro pointed out. The first phase consisted of the removal of the surrounding debris, water blasting the floors, clearing out the old interior and scraping the old paint off the walls. Phase 2 will be the building renovation while third phase will be the painting.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Best Sunshine International, Ltd.-Corporate Social Responsibility team and Department of Public Safety cadets collaborate to remove debris and unwanted vegetation surrounding the soon-to-be CNMI Women's Association office.

A BSI CSR representative water blasts the walls of the soon-to-be CWA administration office.

A newer look after putting in a hard day's work.

The CWA was incorporated on April 13, 2011, and is governed by a seven-member board of directors. It was established by the office of Ogumoro in May 2010 and collaborates with other public and private organizations to deliver vital social services to the communities throughout the CNMI.

CWA's vision is to ensure that women are fully engaged in the political, economic, and social development of the CNMI.

Best Sunshine CSR project coordinator Kent Calen said that his team is glad to help out with the first phase of the project.

"We were approached by Congresswoman Ogumoro to assist her with this project. My coworkers and I got to work alongside the DPS cadets to complete the first phase. As soon as the renovation of the building is done, the CSR team will be back to assist with the painting, which we estimate will take about a week. It took us four days just to complete phase one of the project but it was worth it because we got to meet and work with awesome people," Calen said.

The building will serve as the administrative office for the CNMI Woman Association program.

Ogumoro says that she is glad to finally see her ideas come to life.

"For many years, I have been waiting for something like this to happen and I'm sure many women have, as well. Our idea of creating a program for aiding our women of the CNMI is finally coming true. With that being said, all the board members and I would like to thank Best Sunshine CSR team for materializing a dream that's been on our minds for so long," Ogumoro said.

Since the beginning stages of CWA, Ogumoro hailed Best Sunshine's continued readiness "to help us in any way that they can. Thank you so much again for the undying support, not just to my program but to the community as a whole…you have helped our community so much." ***(PR)***

A quick photo with Best Sunshine CSR team, DPS cadets, and CWA staff after a successful collaboration.

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through a solid granite wall?" The U.S. did understand and agree from the start that self-government was the ideal established by the United Nations. It was only when greed and the need for control got in the way that things went horribly wrong.

Again, it is our future. Our economy. Our CIP. Our infrastructure. Our jobs. Our pay. Our retirement benefits. Our businesses. Our taxes. Our revenue. Our very survival. Do something or pay the consequences. Delay the CWs force exits. Let them leave of their own desire. The exodus of critical workers has started. So have business drawdowns and closures. In about a year, if nothing is done to head off this coming disaster, we shall bear witness to inhumane conditions and suffering. Much like what we, the proud residents of the NMI, the "Magas," are putting those unfortunate enough to have come here and helped construction projects and not only with our economy but our lives.

Past all these problems, we need to re-visit our Covenant with the U.S. and try to undo the many damage done. And let's not forget that we need to get our sovereignty back. Do we understand sovereignty? Don't like my statements? Then come up with a better, more viable solution. Otherwise, keep your trap shut and vote for the right people this November. Do you know what you want in your candidate, and for the CNMI? Topping the list is to think about how to slow the mass departure of the CWs, and that will definitely affect our economy, for one.

Rudy M. Sablan
Garapan

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of the five-year grace period allowed by law—instead we beg for another five-year extension, which was granted and will expire in 2019.

So, the CW situation is not an overnight development and sensationalizing it would not help change their immigration status whatsoever. Advocates for improve immigration status for these people have every right to seek and promote such desire. However, U.S. congressional history and political climate in Washington with respect to immigration matter is politically polarizing, particularly with a certain presidential candidate who demonized and created toxic debate on immigrants within or entering the United States.

Absence federal administrative reliefs, there is however, a glimmer of hope for possible resolution to those foreign workers who have been here in the Commonwealth legally for extended period of time. Change in immigration status for these groups could happen if and when Democratic Party Presidential candidate Secretary Hillary R. Clinton becomes president of the United States and congress acquiesces to it. She has advocated and supported enactment of Senate Bill 744—Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act of 2013, which contained Section 2109— Improve Status for Long-term Legal Resident of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands recommended by Congressman Gregorio (Kilili) Sablan.

In the meantime all these emotionally charged comments and tit-tat arguments would do nothing to change the legal requirements governing the dispositions and movement of foreign workers and visitors in the Commonwealth. Our leaders and foreign workers seemed to be experiencing memory lapse when they appeared mystified or even surprise (typical CNMI response pattern to resolvable issue) that USCIS is implementing what the law mandated them to do. Remember that the intent of U.S. Congress in passing PL 110-229 was to zero-out CWs through annual progressive capping in the number of foreign workers to remain in the Commonwealth. The law took effect back in May 8, 2008, which was eight years ago and I don't understand the uproar about the cap.

Factually speaking, neither the governor nor any elected officials of our government has legal authority to change, improve or modify immigration status of foreign visitors or workers in the Commonwealth. Because of our dependency attitude and addiction for self-mutilation we lost control of our immigration authority. Unless U.S. Congress confers otherwise, only sympathy and best wishes remain to dispose. Of course politicians will inevitably politicize this situation (people's misery) for their own political aggrandizement, especially in an election year. Superficialzed indignation on this issue is tantamount to emotional bribery.

Daniel O. Quitugua
Kanat Tabla

Obama urged to create world's largest marine reserve

HONOLULU, Hawaii—Scientists attending the International Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS) in Honolulu, Hawaii released a joint letter to President Barack Obama on June 24 emphasizing the international marine science community's unified support for expanding the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

» More than 1,500 scientists join call

"The decision is scientifically supported and provides substantial hope of leaving a legacy of ocean resources and benefits for future generations," said Dr. Robert Richmond, director of the Kewalo Marine Laboratory at the University of Hawaii and the convener of the ICRS. "The international marine conservation science community is unified in our support to expand the monument."

The reserve boasts a bipartisan legacy in which six U.S. presidents have used executive action to protect the area's fragile resources and covers 140,000 square miles of ocean, coral reefs, and small islands. U.S. Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI) recently asked President Obama to expand the monument to include an additional 442,000 square miles, which would make it the world's largest marine protected area.

The scientists' letter, with more than 1,500 signatures, coincides with the release of a new scientific report, Pu'uhonua: A Place of Sanctuary, which details the significant biological and cultural evidence for the expansion of Papahānaumokuākea.

The report was authored by 12 leading scientists, including: National Geographic Explorer in Residence Dr. Sylvia Earle; Dr. Callum Roberts, a marine conservation biologist at the University of York, England; Dr. U. Rashid Sumalia, a global fisheries expert at the University of British Columbia Fisheries Centre, Canada; Dr. Doug McCauley, a marine biology professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara; and Dr. Richmond.

Papahānaumokuākea harbors rich biodiversity and is regarded in Hawaiian culture as a place of honor, the root of native ancestral connections to the gods, and where spirits return after death. Hawaiians feel a deep spiritual connection to the area's flora and fauna, including sharks, seabirds and whales.

"The expansion zone being proposed right now includes the oldest animal—a black coral that is more than 4000 years old, said Dr. McCauley, describing the ecological riches that can be safeguarded by expanded monument protection. "This is an animal that was alive before even the pyramids were built. If ever there was an appropriate use of the Antiquities Act by the President of the United States it would be to protect the oldest animal on our planet."

Obama

According to the science report, the proposed expansion—a fivefold increase in size—would protect 110 seamounts (underwater mountains) that are likely home to undiscovered species, as well as guyots (flat-topped seamounts), coral reefs, and pelagic areas, which are key migration, spawning, nurturing, and foraging areas for 22 species of whales and dolphins, 4 economically important species of tuna, dozens of species of sharks, 22 species of seabirds, and 5 species of sea turtles.

The scientific report includes a section on the economics of marine protected areas and the effect on the Hawaiian longline fishery. The researchers found that there are very high economic and social benefits to expanding the monument, and very limited costs.

"A key obstacle in establishing new reserves is the fact that in most cases the fisheries costs of establishment are realized in the short term, while the fisheries benefits come later," said Dr. Sumalia. "The good news in this situation is that the fishery is limited by a quota, so the likely response is for fishermen to shift their effort beyond the newly closed area."

"Hawaiian fishermen will still catch the same amount of fish," added Dr. Sumalia. "The expansion will be a win-win for fisheries and conservation."

The additional protections would eliminate or reduce the impacts of present and future extractive activities, increase the protected area's resiliency to climate change, boost ecosystem health, and protect historically and culturally important areas for Hawaiians, the United States, and the world. ***(PR)***

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SAIPAN AUTO SUPPLY CO., Plaintiff, -v- GRACE ECHAU, Defendant.] SMALL CLAIM] 13-0372

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on May 4, 2016, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: a 2003 Isuzu Rodeo, CNMI license plate no. ABR 357, presently situated upon the business premises of Saipan Auto Supply Co., Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 1, 2016, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at Saipan Auto Supply Co., Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 20th day of May, 2016:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

OSMAN OSMAN Petitioner, vs. TAKISANG BABRA Respondent,) FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0276 **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 505464 CK, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MICRONESIA MARIANAS DISTRIBUTING CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v- FREDDY U. HOFSCHNEIDER, JR., Defendants.] CIVIL ACTION] NO. 92-0250] and consolidate] cases (C.A. NO. 93-] 0808, 00-0496, 01-] 0203, 01-0515 and] 01-0560; and S.C. Nos.] 99-1074, 00-0012,] 00-0053 and 00-0108)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Amended Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on May 11, 2016, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property:

Lot 025 T 03, containing an area of 48,914 square meters, situated in Marpo Valley, Tinian;

Lot 023 T 24, containing an area of 1,000 square meters, situated in Tinian;

Lot 001 T 13, (formerly block 11, lot 6), containing an area of 1,196 square meters, situated in San Jose Village, Tinian;

Lot 252 T 21, Lot D, containing an area of 1,000 square meters, situated in Tinian;

Part of Lot 117 T 02, containing an area of 1,000 square meters, situated in Tinian;

Lot 035 T 02, containing an area of 1,000 square meters, situated in Tinian;

Part of Lot 35 T 02, containing an area of 4,190 square meters, situated in Tinian;

Tract 22588-2 NEW-6, containing an area of 1,000 square meters, situated in Tinian.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 15, 2016, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 20th day of May, 2016:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

CORAL OCEAN GOLF RESORT

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Food & Beverage Supervisor
Salary: $7.25 to $9.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least one two to three years experienced working in the related field and hotel industry. Must possess passion for quality and service excellence. Knowledgeable in principles, processes for providing customer and personal services, including customer needs assessment, meeting quality standard for services, evaluation of customer satisfaction. Full understanding of licensing responsibilities and environment health standards. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. Highly qualified in supervising restaurant point of sale, and must have the knowledge in supervising wait staff and peers. Be able to stand for prolonged period of time. Computer literate. Acquired hospitality related program and speaking additional is an asset. Must be able to acquire Food Handler Certification. Highly qualified in supervising subordinates and possess leadership.

Golf Course Assistant Superintendent
Salary Range : $11.37 to 12.50
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least 5 or more years of work experience in the related field. Full understanding of licensing responsibilities and environmental health standards. Requires advanced knowledge of agronomy and turf grass management practices; a working knowledge of golf facility construction principles, practices and methods; and a thorough understanding of the rules and strategies of the game of golf. Requires excellent oral and written communication and knowledge in the game of golf. May require current certificate or licensing as pesticide applicator. Computer literate. Must be able to work under the sun, can stand for prolonged period of time and can lift at least 50lbs .

(2) Automotive Mechanic
Salary: $6.05 to $7.50
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least one or two years of working experienced in full range skilled repair and maintenance on automobiles, small engines such as golf course equipment, heavy equipment, and other mechanical and electrical equipment. Has the ability to be extent flexibility that includes bending, twisting, and lifting.

(6) General Maintenance
Salary: $6.05 to $7.05
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least two to three years of work related experienced. Engineering Degree or related courses is an asset but not required. Knowledge in keeping machines, mechanical equipment or other structure of an establishment in repair. Experience involving generators, water pumps, irrigation, deepwell, pipe fitting, insulating, repairing electrical or mechanical equipment, building repair that may include carpentry, plumbing, masonry and painting task. Must be able to perform physical activities, such as but not limited to, lifting equipment at least 50lbs, bending, standing, climbing, can be able to work under the sun, and can stand for prolonged period of time.

Suwaso Corporation would like to invite all qualified US workers to send/submit their resume/application form to HR.COGR@eland.co.kr not later than June 30, 2016 at 1:00 PM. All qualified applicants must be willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evenings, weekend and holidays and be able to stand for prolonged period of time. Provide at least two recommendations letter and proof of certification for the position, if needed. Application form is available in the hotel lobby and HR Office. Incomplete application may not be considered for assessment. Fill up the form completely prior submission. No phone calls please.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CONCEPCION MUNA MANGLONA, Decedent. | **Civil Action No. 97-0307 CV**

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR DECREE OF PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION

DATE: July 14, 2016
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
JUDGE: Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE CONCEPCION MUNA MANGLONA:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Norman T. Tenorio,** Interested Party of the Estate of Concepcion Muna Manglona, has filed with the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a **Petition for Final Decree of Partial Distribution** in the above captioned matter. The attorney for Norman T. Tenorio is **Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.**

The hearing on the Petition for Decree of Partial Distribution has been set for the 14th day of July, 2016 at 9:00 am, at the Superior Court of t he Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia , Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 10th of June 2016.

Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM Plaintiff, vs. FLORIDA A. GRIZZARD, Defendant.] Small Claims] No. 14-0458] AMENDED] SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: FLORIDA A. GRIZZARD

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT, a copy of which can be obtained at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres in Chalan Kiya, within twenty (20) days after service of this **AMENDED SUMMONS** upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to **Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950**, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this **AMENDED SUMMONS**, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

The Pre-Judgment hearing in the above captioned matter is scheduled to be heard on **July 7, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.**

SO ORDERED on this 9th day of June 2016.

/s/Clerk of Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 *et seq*), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold its Annual Meeting on **Thursday, June 30, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building. Public attendance is welcome. The order of business of the Board, unless changed by the majority vote of its members, shall be as follows:

AGENDA*

I. Preliminary Matters
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes
  1. April 7-8, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
- E. Correspondence

II. Public Comments**

III. Management Reports
- A. Executive Director's Report
- B. Budget and Financial Reports
- C. Legal Counsel's Report

IV. Board Reports/Miscellaneous Matters
- A. Chairperson's Annual Report

V. Executive Session***

VI. Adjournment

* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda maybe modified during the meeting.
** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
*** Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Business

Britain's EU workers gripped by fear, confusion, heartache

LONDON (AP)—A tsunami of uncertainty has engulfed Anna Woydyla, a Polish restaurant worker in London, since Britain voted to leave the European Union.

Would her two teenage children, who grew up in the United Kingdom, still qualify for loans to study at British universities? Would she and her husband, after 11 years of working here, have to sell the home they just bought? Leave their jobs? Leave their new country? Try to apply for citizenship?

The 41-year-old is among hundreds of thousands of European Union workers in Britain who are fearful and confused over what happens next as their adoptive country begins the long process of unwinding its many ties to continental Europe.

"If it were just me, I could even return to Poland," a visibly tense Woydyla said as she stocked a bar in an Italian restaurant in London's Camden district. "But my kids are more English than Polish. They don't even want to go to Poland for their holidays anymore. They even speak to each other in English."

An entire class of cosmopolitan entrepreneurs, workers, students and strivers who have made the U.K. their home since Britain opened its borders to its EU neighbors now see their futures in limbo. The immigrants changed the face of Britain, turning London's Kensington neighborhood into a suburb of Paris, changing sleepy English towns like Boston into Baltic enclaves, filling supermarket shelves across the nation with Polish lager and Wiejska sausage.

"I personally cannot tell what's going to change for me," said Andrea Cordaro, a 21-year-old Italian student who compared the shock of hearing the referendum's result to the punch-in-the-gut feeling of flunking an exam. "I'll just have to keep my head up and hope for the best."

Laurence Borel, a 36-year-old digital marketing consultant from France, isn't waiting to find out what's coming next. She asked for her British passport in May after more than 15 years living in the country.

"I'll bet a lot of people are applying," she said, explaining that she'd been mulling the idea of a passport for years but the referendum prompted her to act.

"I don't want to go back to France," she said. "My life is here."

At workplaces and schools across the country, managers have sent out emails to worried foreign staffers and students, assuring them that—for now—nothing has changed.

"The formal process for leaving the European Union will take at least two years," Oxford University said in one such statement. "Our staff and students can be assured that in the short term, we anticipate no disruption to employment or study."

Over the long term though, the lives of the estimated 3 million EU citizens living in Britain may change in ways big and small. A survey commissioned by the Financial Times found that if Britain's current immigration rules were applied to EU nationals, the overwhelming majority would lose their jobs and be forced to leave the country—catastrophic news for Spanish barristas, Romanian strawberry pickers, German investment bankers and the industries that rely on them.

Panama Canal opens $5B locks, bullish despite shipping woes

PANAMA CITY (AP)—Authorities are hosting a big bash Sunday to inaugurate newly expanded locks that will double the Panama Canal's capacity in a multibillion-dollar bet on a bright economic future despite tough times for international shipping.

Nearly two years late due to construction delays and labor strife, the $5.25 billion project formally launches with the transit of a 158-foot-wide (48.2 meters), 984-foot-long (300 meters), Chinese-owned container ship, one of the modern class of mega-vessels that will now be able to use the canal.

With 30,000 people and eight foreign heads of state expected to attend the festivities, officials are bullish.

"There is evidence that the Panama Canal, with this expansion, is an important player not only for regional maritime commerce but worldwide," said Oscar Bazan, the Panama Canal Authority's executive vice president for planning and commercial development. "The canal is a winning bet. (Clients) will benefit from saving not only time but also money, because the canal is a route that shortens distance."

However, the party comes amid a lull in global shipping due to the drop in oil prices, an economic slowdown in China, which is the canal's second-largest customer, and other factors that have hit the waterway's traffic and income.

While authorities anticipate increasing commerce between Asia and ports on the U.S. East Coast, doubts remain that not all those ports are ready to handle the huge New Panamax-class cargo ships. Net cargo volume through the canal from the U.S. East Coast toward Asia fell 10.2 percent in 2015, according to official statistics. Meanwhile the Suez Canal in Egypt recently lowered tariffs by up to 65 percent on large container carriers in an attempt to keep its traffic.

"It's important to remember that the canal does not create demand. The canal opens the route. Supply and demand on a world level is what will decide whether the Panama Canal will really bring more volume or not," said Antonio Dominguez, a general manager for global shipping leader Maersk Line, which moves about 14.2 percent of world commerce. "What is certain is that the current canal has maxed out."

Maersk was among shipping companies that have reduced passages through the Panama Canal, although Dominguez said the company is considering a return.

Since the canal was handed over from U.S. control at the end of 1999, the waterway has generated about $10 billion in direct income for the Central American nation and is responsible for about 40 percent of its GDP, factoring in related economic activity. Some 35 to 40 vessels transit the waterway each day, and the canal is estimated to handle about 6 percent of world maritime commerce.

Panama began the expansion nearly a decade ago. Originally planned to open in late 2014 around the waterway's centennial, the new locks can accommodate ships that carry up to three times the cargo of those previously able to use the canal.

Grupo Unidos por el Canal, the Italian- and Spanish-led consortium that spearheaded construction, handed the project over Friday, although a series of claims are still pending for presumed cost overruns of more than $3 billion.

Nation

24 dead in W. Virginia floods search and rescue continues

CLENDENIN, W.Va. (AP)—Surrounded by muddy devastation, Cathy Light and her husband Chris thought it was "heaven sent" they had free burgers to munch on in a Clendenin parking lot Saturday.

AP

Shane Altzier starts to sweep out the mud from the town utilities office in Rainelle, W. Va., Saturday, June 25, 2016.

To their left, the roof of a Dairy Queen slumped to the pavement. Behind it, a trailer home was ripped from its foundation, with four concrete stairs all that remained in the ground. Occasional whiffs of rotten food wafted from a nearby grocery store that, not long ago, was filled with five feet of muck water.

Before they jumped in a rescue boat in Clendenin on Saturday, the Lights could only save their dog Odie and a TV that sat atop a bedroom dresser—the highest-up they stored anything in their house, really.

The heavy rains that pummeled West Virginia resulted in at least 24 deaths, leaving families homeless with the tearful realization that they're starting from scratch.

"I don't have anything," said Cathy Light, as she ate the free meal provided by Grace Community Church. "Where do we go now?"

The scene in Clendenin, located in Kanawha County, wasn't as deadly as in Rainelle. Sixteen people died in Greenbrier County, at least 15 of them in Ranielle. Greenbrier is the only county where Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin's administration believes people remain missing.

Death toll may rise in destructive California wildfire

LAKE ISABELLA, Calif. (AP)—Lighter winds are helping firefighters make gains on a voracious and deadly wildfire in central California that has burned 150 homes and claimed two lives.

The toll may rise.

Firefighters may have found human remains Saturday when they began going through neighborhoods to count houses and mobile homes incinerated by the blaze. In an unrecognizable mobile home, they found what appears to be a set of human remains, but because they were so badly burned forensic investigators will have to determine whether they belonged to a person or animal, Kern County Sheriff's spokesman Ray Pruitt said.

The tally of burned homes rose from 80. Entire blocks were reduced to rubble, and at least 2,500 homes remained threatened.

Meanwhile, the winds that drove the fire through small southern Sierra Nevada communities eased by late afternoon, helping firefighters contain 10 percent of the blaze.

"Our crews are feeling pretty good," said Joe Reyes, an operations chief for the fire. "If the winds don't act up drastically, we are hoping to make headway in the next 24 hours."

About 1,700 firefighters battled the flames.

Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency, freeing up money and resources to fight the fire and to clean up in the aftermath. The Federal Emergency Management Agency also authorized the use of funds for firefighting efforts, fire officials said

At gay pride parades, a year to weave sorrow and celebration

NEW YORK (AP)—A year after New York City's jubilant pride parade celebrated a high point for gay Americans with the nationwide legalization of same-sex marriage, the atmosphere surrounding the annual march couldn't be more different.

Sunday's parades in New York, San Francisco and other cities are unfolding two weeks after a gay nightclub in Florida became the site of the nation's deadliest mass shooting by a single gunman in modern U.S. history.

Celebrations planned around such themes as supporting transgender people and pressing for economic justice have quickly taken on new meanings. Parade-goers will see increased security, anti-violence messages and tributes to those killed in Orlando.

But organizers don't want the massacre to stamp out the defiant exuberance of events rooted in declaring that gay people aren't afraid to be seen and heard.

"Last year was such a celebratory time, and this year, we have this happening," says James Fallarino, a spokesman for organizers of the New York parade, one of the nation's oldest. "But that's also why it's so important that we are out and loud and proud.

"If we change our event—if we make everything somber—it's, in many ways, allowing those who wish to silence us to win."

Sunday's parades do have a new milestone to mark: President Barack Obama on Friday designated the site around New York City's Stonewall Inn as the first national monument to gay rights. A 1969 police raid on the bar helped catalyze the gay rights movement.

To be sure, the often raucous marches will be tempered with messages of respect and grief for the 49 people massacred and more than 50 wounded in Orlando.

In New York, the lead float will be dedicated to the victims. Marchers will carry 49 orange flags—the color of choice for campaigns against gun violence—through the route. A "We Are Orlando" solidarity group has been added to the lineup. And gun-control, anti-gun-violence groups have joined the lineup since the shooting forged new bonds between them and gay-rights activists.

Asia

North Korea: We won't abandon nukes with US gun to our head

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—The top North Korean official for U.S. relations told The Associated Press on Friday that his country is now a nuclear threat to be reckoned with, and Washington can expect more nuclear tests and missile launches like the ones earlier this week as long as it attempts to force his government's collapse through a policy of pressure and punishment.

"It's the United States that caused this issue," Han Song Ryol, director-general of the department of U.S. affairs at North Korea's Foreign Ministry, said in his first interview with an American news organization since assuming the post three years ago. "They have to stop their military threats, sanctions and economic pressure. Without doing so, it's like they are telling us to reconcile while they are putting a gun to our forehead."

Han defended the North's test-launching on Wednesday of two medium-range ballistic missiles. Foreign military experts believe that, once perfected, such missiles could deliver nuclear warheads to U.S. bases in Japan and possibly to major U.S. military installations as far away as the Pacific island of Guam, where long-range U.S. Air Force bombers are deployed.

The tests indicated technological advances in the North's missile capabilities. They were quickly condemned by Washington, Tokyo and Seoul as a "provocation" and a violation of United Nations resolutions.

State Department spokesman John Kirby said U.S. policy calling for the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula hasn't changed.

"The capabilities that the DPRK continues to pursue are doing nothing obviously to get us to that goal," he said. "We urge the North to take the necessary steps to prove that they're willing to return to the six-party talk process, so that we can get to that goal."

Han dismissed the criticism, saying North Korea has no choice but to build up its military deterrent as long as the world's largest superpower—and the country that first developed nuclear weapons—remains an enemy. He noted that the U.S. recently deployed nuclear-powered submarines and strategic bombers capable of dropping nuclear weapons on North Korea to the region, and earlier this year conducted training for precision airstrikes on North Korea's leadership, along with simulations of an advance into the capital, Pyongyang, with the South Korean military during joint annual exercises.

"This launch was a significant and novel step that my country must take to produce a powerful nuclear deterrent," Han said. "The real provocation is coming from the United States. ... How can my country stand by and do nothing?"

Indonesia tries to steer convicted militants to new lives

SOLO, Indonesia (AP)—In the heart of Solo city, not far from the Islamic boarding school founded by the radical cleric who inspired the 2002 Bali bombings, the staff of an unremarkable-looking restaurant prepare for another day serving the humble staples of the Indonesian diet to hungry locals.

The manager, a slightly built man with quick lively gestures, darts about the narrow kitchen, dropping ingredients into sizzling hot pans to make the bistik and other fare that customers including the local police crave. With a wife and two children to support, he also runs a car hire business and a laundry service on the side.

One of the millions of small-time business owners that keep the world's most populous Muslim nation ticking, 40-year-old Mahmudi Haryono is also a poster boy for the transformation of a bomb maker and jihadis into a productive member of society.

To be sure, his extensive jihadi history doesn't inspire easy trust. It includes being a combatant with the rebel Moro Islamic Liberation Front in the Philippines for three years, where he honed bomb making skills, and fighting in sectarian conflicts between Muslims and Christians in Indonesia. He was arrested less than a year after the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people and convicted of hiding materials used to make the bombs.

"The fact is that I trained in the Philippines as a jihadis fighter to defend Muslims and I did jihad only when Muslims were oppressed in conflict regions. It was part of my past," Haryono said in an interview. "Today, my priority in life is taking care of my family and business and preaching a path to help reform radical inmates."

A private foundation has worked intensively with Haryono since his release from prison in 2009, and holds him up as an example of how hardened militants can be reformed. The need for such success stories is great in Indonesia, where several hundred men imprisoned for terrorism offenses have been paroled in the past several years, including 97 last year alone.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Potential MH370 debris found on island off African coast

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Aircraft wreckage potentially from missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 has been found on an island off the east African coast, an Australian official said Friday. Transport Minister Darren Chester, who oversees the search for the Boeing 777 than vanished in 2014 with 239 people on board, said a "piece of aircraft debris" was found on Pemba Island off the coast of Tanzania. The Australian Transport Safety Bureau, which is conducting the search on Malaysia's behalf, is seeking further information to determine whether the debris is from Flight 370, Chester said in a statement. It did not say when the debris was found.

Suspected rebels kill 8 Indian soldiers in ambush in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Suspected rebels killed at least eight Indian paramilitary soldiers and wounded another 20 in a highway ambush Saturday that was one of the year's deadliest attacks in the Indian portion of Kashmir, authorities said. Two of the attackers were killed by soldiers who returned fire, said K.K. Sharma, a paramilitary force officer. The ambush occurred on the outskirts of Srinagar, the main city in Indian Kashmir. Twenty soldiers of the Central Reserve Police Force were wounded as one bus in the six-vehicle convoy came under attack by suspected rebels, said Nalin Prabhat, a senior officer of the Central Reserve Police Force. They have been shifted to a hospital in Srinagar and the condition of three of them was stated to be critical.

World

Pope visits Armenia's closed border with Turkey on last day

YEREVAN, Armenia (AP)—Pope Francis is wrapping up his trip to Armenia with a Sunday liturgy in the Apostolic cathedral celebrated by his Orthodox hosts and a visit to Armenia's closed border with Turkey amid new tensions with Ankara over his recognition of the 1915 "genocide."

Pope Francis, left, embraces Catholicos Karekin II during an Ecumenical encounter and prayer for Peace at the Republic Square in Yereven, Armenia, Saturday, June 25, 2016. AP

Turkey issued a harsh rebuttal late Saturday to Francis' declaration upon arrival in Armenia that the slaughter was a planned genocide to exterminate Armenians. Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Nurettin Canikli called the comments "greatly unfortunate" and said they bore the hallmarks of the "mentality of the Crusades."

Turkey rejects the term, saying the 1.5 million deaths cited by historians is an inflated figure and that people died on both sides as the Ottoman Empire collapsed amid World War I. When Francis first used it last year, Turkey withdrew its ambassador for 10 months and accused Francis of spreading lies.

Canikli said the term "does not comply with the truth."

"Everyone knows that. We all know it, the whole world knows it, and so do the Armenians," he added.

Francis made the remarks at the start of his three-day visit and followed up with a call for the world to never forget or minimize the "immense and senseless slaughter."

On Sunday, he was turning his attention more toward religious affairs, participating in a liturgy in the Armenian Apostolic Cathedral in Etchmiadzin, the seat of the Oriental Orthodox church here. The landlocked nation of 3 million was the first nation in the world to adopt Christianity as a state religion in 301.

The Armenian Apostolic and Catholic churches split in a theological dispute over the divine and human natures of Jesus Christ, arising from the fifth-century Council of Chalcedon. While still divided over the primacy of the pope, the Armenian church has established friendly relations with the Vatican, and Francis' visit here has been a visible testimony to their close ties.

After the liturgy, Francis was due to head west toward Armenia's border with Turkey.

Turkey closed the frontier in support for its ally and ethnic kin, Azerbaijan, after the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict erupted into a full-scale war in 1992. The blockade has worsened Armenia's economic problems.

Francis has said he would love to see the border reopened, given his longstanding call for countries to build bridges, not walls, at their frontiers.

Francis is due to release a dove of peace near the border at the Khor Virap monastary. The monastary is one of the most sacred sites in Armenia and lies in the shadow of Mount Ararat, where according to legend, Noah landed his Ark after the great floods.

Hundreds of Syrian Kurds flee IS-held areas amid abductions

BEIRUT (AP)—Hundreds of Kurds fleeing Islamic State-held villages in northern Syria amid a wave of mass abductions have come under fire, with several killed or wounded, opposition activists and a Kurdish official said Saturday.

In eastern Syria, meanwhile, airstrikes on a village controlled by the extremist group have killed at least 30 people and wounded many others, opposition activists said.

Activist Omar Abu Leila, who is from the eastern city of Deir el-Zour but currently lives in Europe, said Saturday's airstrikes targeted a mosque in the village of Qourieh, killing at least 30 people. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says 46 people were killed in Qourieh, including children. It says 31 of the dead were civilians and the rest have not been identified yet.

Abu Leila said the airstrikes were carried out by Russian warplanes. Russia has denied targeting civilians.

Qourieh is in the province of Deir el-Zour, which borders Iraq. Most of the province is ruled by the extremist group.

In the northern province of Aleppo, the hundreds of Kurds fled as the Syrian Democratic Forces, a U.S.-backed and predominantly Kurdish militia, clashed with IS inside Manbij, a key stronghold of the extremist group. The SDF have pushed into the town from the southern edge, capturing grain silos and flour mills, according to the Observatory.

One family who fled was struck by a mine on Friday that killed two family members and wounded the other three, Sherfan Darwish, an SDF spokesman, told The Associated Press. He said a 10-year-old girl was killed by IS sniper fire on Friday. "Civilians are defying death in order to leave areas controlled by Daesh," Darwish said, using an Arabic acronym for IS.

The exodus began after IS abducted about 900 Kurdish civilians in Aleppo province over the past three weeks and forced them to build fortifications for the extremists in retaliation for the Kurdish-led assault, which is also targeting the IS stronghold of al-Bab. Others were trying to flee Manbij, which is surrounded by SDF fighters.

Some of the abducted Kurds have been press-ganged into digging trenches and shelters for IS, according to the Observatory's chief, Rami Abdurrahman. Darwish said others are being used as human shields.

Focus

AP

The flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, top, and the flag of England fly above a souvenir stand on Westminster Bridge following yesterday's EU referendum result, London, Saturday, June 25, 2016.

EU calls for UK to 'Brexit' quickly; Britain wants more time

By JILL LAWLESS and KIRSTEN GRIESHABER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON (AP)—The European Union wants a quickie divorce, but Britain wants time to think things over.

Senior EU politicians demanded Saturday that the U.K. quickly cut its ties with the 28-nation bloc—a process Britain says won't begin for several months—as the political and economic shockwaves from the U.K.'s vote to leave reverberated around the world.

"There is a certain urgency ... so that we don't have a period of uncertainty, with financial consequences, political consequences," French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault said at a meeting in Berlin of the EU's six founding nations.

EU Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker warned that the split was "not an amicable divorce" but noted it was never "a tight love affair anyway."

Britons voted 52 to 48 percent Thursday in favor of ending their country's 43-year membership in the 28-nation bloc.

But no country has ever left the EU before, so no one knows exactly how the process will play out. Britain must, at some point, unambiguously notify the bloc of its intentions and set a two-year clock ticking for negotiating its departure. Until then, Britain remains an EU member.

In contrast to the clamoring of EU officials, the leaders of Britain's "leave" campaign, who had reassured voters that the EU would offer Britain good terms for a new relationship, were largely silent Saturday.

England's 300-year-old union with Scotland could be another casualty of the referendum, since most people in Scotland voted to remain in the EU but were outvoted by a majority in much-larger England.

Scottish leader Nicola Sturgeon said Saturday that her semi-autonomous administration would seek immediate talks with EU nations and institutions to ensure that Scotland could remain in the bloc.

"(We will) explore possible options to protect Scotland's place in the EU," she said after meeting with her Cabinet in Edinburgh, adding that a new referendum on Scottish independence is "very much on the table."

Scotland voted in 2014 to remain a part of the U.K., but that decision was seen as being conditional on the U.K. staying in the EU.

The victorious "leave" campaigners have said there's no rush to trigger Article 50 of the EU's Lisbon Treaty, which will begin a two-year exit process to renegotiate trade, business and political links between the U.K. and what will become a 27-nation bloc.

British Prime Minister David Cameron announced his resignation Friday and said his successor, to be chosen by October, should be the one to navigate the tricky process of withdrawing from the bloc.

The favorite to succeed him, former London Mayor Boris Johnson, has said there's "no need for haste"—but EU leaders are saying the opposite, in insistent tones.

Juncker said Saturday the British had voted to leave and "it doesn't make any sense to wait until October to try and negotiate the terms of their departure."

"I would like to get started immediately," he said.

French Economy Minister Emmanuel Macron expressed the frustrations that many EU politicians feel, accusing Britain of taking the EU "hostage" with a referendum called to solve a domestic political problem: challenges to Cameron from right-wing euroskeptics.

"The failure of the British government" has opened up "the possibility of the crumbling of Europe," Macron said at a debate in Paris.

Top diplomats from the European Union's six founding nations - France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg - met in Berlin for hastily arranged talks and stressed that the exit process should be speedy.

"There must be clarity," Luxembourg Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn told reporters. "The people have spoken and we need to implement this decision."

France's Ayrault suggested Britain could name a new prime minister within "several days" - but that is likely instead to take several months. The process calls for Conservative lawmakers to winnow candidates down to two choices who will then be voted on in a postal ballot of party members.

Legally, there is little the EU can do to force Britain's hand, since Article 50 must be triggered by the country that is leaving. But political pressure and economic instability may force British politicians to act more quickly than they had hoped.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel struck a conciliatory note, saying it "shouldn't take forever" for Britain to deliver its formal notification of leaving.

"There is no need to be particularly nasty in any way in the negotiations. They must be conducted properly," Merkel said at a news conference in Potsdam, outside Berlin.

Britain's "leave" campaigners have been accused of lacking a plan for the aftermath of a victory.

Dominic Cummings, director of the "Vote Leave" group, said it would be "unthinkable" to invoke Article 50 before a new prime minister was in place. He tweeted: "David Cameron was quite right. New PM will need to analyze options and have informal talks."

Britain will remain an EU member until the divorce is finalized, but its influence inside the bloc is already waning. Leaders of the bloc will hold a summit in Brussels next week, and the second day, Wednesday, will take place for the first time without Britain.

On Saturday, Britain's representative on the EU's executive Commission, Jonathan Hill, stepped down, saying he was disappointed by the referendum result but "what's done cannot be undone."

Juncker transferred Hill's portfolio of overseeing financial services to Latvian commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis - costing Britain a key voice in a sector that is hugely important to London, whose status as Europe's financial capital is threatened by Britain's EU exit.

The referendum has already triggered financial turmoil around the world. Stock markets plummeted Friday, with the Dow Jones industrial average dropping 611 points, or 3.4 percent, its biggest fall since August. It's not clear what will happen in the markets on Monday, the next trading day.

The pound on Friday dropped to its lowest level since 1985, plunging more than 10 percent from about $1.50 to $1.35 before a slight recovery, on concerns that severing ties with the EU single market of 500 million people will hurt the U.K. economy and undermine London's position as a global financial center.

Credit rating agency Moody's downgraded the U.K.'s economic outlook from stable to negative, saying Britain faces "a prolonged period of uncertainty ... with negative implications for the country's medium-term growth outlook."

The vote to leave the EU has upended British politics. The deeply divided Conservatives are facing a leadership battle to replace Cameron, and some members of the opposition Labour Party hope to oust their leader, Jeremy Corbyn, who they accuse of failing to promote the "remain" side strongly enough.

"(Corbyn) clearly isn't the right person to actually lead the party into an election because nobody thinks he will actually win," said Labour legislator Frank Field.

Corbyn said Saturday he would not resign and said Britain must react "calmly and rationally" to the divisive referendum result.

What Brexit may look like

The government of the U.K. has laid out three possible models for its relationship with the European Union after it leaves. How the U.K. leaves the EU will affect its access to trade benefits like tariff and customs free trading and regulations that promote competition in the market. Also at stake is the U.K.'s participation in other EU programs such as the free movement of EU citizens through its borders, shared counterterror and law enforcement programs, and whether it will still contribute financially to Europe.

The three models

The Norway Model: Norway is in the European Economic Area, allowing it partial access to the EU's Single Market. Norway also contributed financially to the EU and is part of Europe's open-border area.

Bilateral agreement: The U.K. could negotiate its own trade agreement with the EU, like Switzerland, Canada and Turkey, with varying amounts of integration.

WTO membership: If no specific agreement is reached, the U.K. would trade with the EU through the World Trade Organization, without any of the special privileges of EU membership.

● Full participation ○ Partial

	Vote on EU law	Tariff-free trade	Customs-free trade	Level playing field regulations	Shared law enforcement programs	Free movement of people	Schengen border-free area	Financial contribution to EU	Eurozone (Euro as currency)
Current UK EU membership	●	●	●	●	●	●		○	
Standard EU membership	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Norway		○		○	○	●	●	○	
Bilateral agreement									
Switzerland		○		○	○	●	●	○	
Canada		○		○					
Turkey		○	○	○		○			
WTO membership									

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Health & Fitness

Boxing program helps Parkinson's patients roll with the punches

By RUTH SERVEN
THE KANSAS CITY STAR

TNS

Sarrisa Curry, right, teaches Rock Steady Boxing, a program specifically designed for Parkinson's patients, including Cindy Wrothy, far left, and Karol Farrell, at In Your Corner Fittness in Overland Park, Kan., on June 14, 2016.

Four boxers kick, stretch and punch their way across the exercise room, eyes intent. Each jabs and steps. Each moves confidently. Each has Parkinson's disease.

"No slacking," yells Sarrisa Curry, moving across the room to check posture and adjust positions. "And please don't fall."

Curry began offering the Rock Steady Boxing program, which has been used elsewhere, to area residents with Parkinson's disease two months ago.

Some boxers enter the gym with tremors and shakes — typical symptoms of the disease — but after an hourlong class of constant movement, footwork and focus, Curry said she can see definite improvement in their symptoms.

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Sarrisa Curry, leftt, teaches Rock Steady Boxing, a program specifically designed for Parkinson's patients, including Larry Albani, right, at In Your Corner Fittness in Overland Park, Kan., on June 14, 2016.

The boxing is all noncontact, so participants focus on punching bags hung in front of a wall papered with posters of Muhammad Ali and Rocky.

Curry, owner of In Your Corner Fitness in Overland Park, Kan., works with about 40 people with Parkinson's.

Parkinson's is a neurodegenerative disorder that has no cure. The most obvious symptoms are tremors, rigidity and slowness of speech. Later, cognitive problems can occur. Parkinson's patients are also at a higher risk of depression. Regular exercise can help all of these symptoms, doctors say.

Cindy Worthy began coming about a month ago. She used to practice yoga and swim when she was first diagnosed 19 years ago, but she has been inactive for the past 10 years.

Worthy said she ignored the need to exercise during that decade.

"I practiced denial pretty strongly," she said.

The classes have helped Worthy stay motivated and become active again. She experiences fewer tremors after she exercises and said she has been encouraged by Curry and the other participants.

It can be difficult to share the diagnosis with others. Worthy said it took her seven years to tell coworkers and friends she had the disease. But the camaraderie of Curry's classes can help create a sense of community.

"Into positions!" Curry shouts. She bounces on her feet as she moves through the room, offering encouragement to each boxer. She offers a hand when someone's feet freeze to get them moving again. She tells them to yell "rock steady" as they work, a verbal cue to keep them moving and jolt them out of the repetitive motion ruts that are common with the disease.

Muhammad Ali died at age 74 after suffering from Parkinson's. Studies have shown that consistent head trauma can lead to Parkinson's — but at Rock Steady, boxing is strictly a noncontact sport.

Karol Farrell's face is determined as she moves to a punching bag and begins beating out punches in time with music. She was diagnosed a decade ago and sought out Curry's program after hearing about a successful Rock Steady program in Indianapolis.

Rock Steady was developed in Indianapolis in 2006 by a Parkinson's patient, Scott Newman, who witnessed improvements after daily boxing training. Studies at the University of Indianapolis demonstrated that boxing can improve the long-term outlook and lessen symptoms. According to the study, boxers with Parkinson's have greater physical ability and quality of life than people with Parkinson's who participate in other forms of exercise.

"There's really a lot of avenues for people with Parkinson's disease outside of pharmaceutical drugs," said George Wong, medical director of the Parkinson's Clinic of the Ozarks in Springfield, Mo. "The body is meant to move."

Parkinson's causes body movements to become slow and rigid. Long-term therapy helps smooth and coordinate those movements, a process Wong called "amplitude recalibration." Boxing, tai chi and cycling all improve speed, endurance and balance.

"In general, exercise makes a big difference for Parkinson's," agreed Rajesh Pahwa, director of the Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorder Center at the University of Kansas Medical Center. "With Parkinson's, everything gets smaller, and so we want them to do big things and get out and exercise."

Curry believes boxing, in particular, is beneficial for Parkinson's because it requires forced activity, constant movement and coordinated footwork.

In the future, Curry hopes to own her own exercise space and expand the classes she offers to Parkinson's patients in further stages of the disease. For now, she claps her hands to finish the session and congratulates each boxer.

Farrell walks smoothly across the floor to grab a towel. "I feel great," she smiles.

Message of Appreciation

We, the family of the late

Morea Williams

Would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our families, relatives, friends, neighbors and to all the people who extended their loving hearts, hands, help, support, prayers and words of comfort during our time of bereavement. Truly, we are very thankful for your time, love & affection and untiring effort and all assistance you have provided during those days. We will remember and cherish everything you all had given and done by remembering you all in our prayers, trusting our Lord Jesus Christ who is able to return his abundant blessings upon you all.

Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

The Family

Life & Style

Jeff Gordon interested in joining 'Live' with Kelly Ripa

SONOMA, Calif. (AP)—Jeff Gordon is open to succeeding Michael Strahan as Kelly Ripa's new "Live" co-host—so long as he could continue his new job as a NASCAR analyst.

Gordon is calling his final race of the season Sunday for Fox Sports and then will head into the first significant downtime of his professional career. The four-time NASCAR champion is in his first year in the broadcast booth, and he insisted Saturday he'll be back next year when Fox resumes coverage of the first half of the season.

However, Gordon didn't quash recent speculation that ABC is interested in him joining Ripa on "Live." Gordon co-hosted with Ripa nine times during the "Live With Regis and Kelly" era.

"I am flattered that my name has been associated with that," Gordon said when asked by The Associated Press about the possibility of him joining "Live."

"I've always maintained a great friendship with the show, some of the producers and folks within the show. I had a great time co-hosting, and I certainly would welcome it."

Gordon then reiterated: "My priority is Fox and Fox Sports, and NASCAR. I will definitely be back in the booth next year; if there was something that could fit into and around that, great."

Jeff Gordon gestures during a media conference prior to the qualifying session for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race on Saturday, June 25, 2016, in Sonoma, Calif. AP

Gordon was media savvy long before he hung up his firesuit for the tailored blue business suit he wore Saturday at the race track, where he has transitioned from a lucrative career as one of NASCAR's first stars to transcend into Madison Avenue and the glitz and glamour of Hollywood.

So he declined to give much insight into a possible job with Ripa, and didn't address whether he's had talks with the show since Strahan's departure.

"It's been really interesting to see that unfold, but I really don't have anything that I can say about that," Gordon said.

Gordon was considered NASCAR's most charismatic driver during a career that spanned two-plus decades. His 93 career victories trail only Hall of Fame drivers Richard Petty (200) and David Pearson (105) on NASCAR's all-time win list, and his fame reached far beyond the track and resonated with non-sports fans.

He won all the big races, collected four championships in just seven years and had 58 victories before his 30th birthday.

In the meantime, Gordon became such a household name that during his career he hosted "Saturday Night Live" and was name-dropped in a song by rapper Nelly.

Gordon was at ease in his nine appearances alongside Ripa, where he showed his quick wit and comfort as the interviewer. He's transitioned nicely in the Fox booth, where his start in February was slightly overshadowed by the dynamics of working alongside outspoken Hall of Famer Darrell Waltrip.

Gordon and Waltrip seemed uncomfortable together at times this season, with each trying to speak over the other to make a point.

Gordon admitted Saturday that he was "scared to death in Daytona" before his first assignments in the booth because the "whole experience was pretty overwhelming." Now, 15 races later, he's at ease and almost wishes NASCAR's television schedule wasn't shifting to NBC next week.

"I haven't really missed being in the car that much because of the challenge ... that it's been being in the booth, getting to know a whole new team of people to work with, trying to understand what all goes into a broadcast," Gordon said. "I feel a lot more confident and comfortable. I know my colleagues that I'm working with far better. I kind of know what to look for, what to ask for, and where I fit in better than I certainly did then."

Bernie Worrell, masterful P-Funk keyboardist, dead at 72

NEW YORK (AP)—Bernie Worrell, the ingenious "Wizard of Woo" whose amazing array of keyboard sounds and textures helped define the Parliament-Funkadelic musical empire and influenced performers of funk, rock, hip-hop and other genres, has died.

Worrell, who announced in early 2016 that he had stage-four lung cancer, died Friday at age 72. He died at his home in Everson, Washington, according to his wife, Judie Worrell.

Throughout the 1970s and into the 1980s, George Clinton's dual projects of Parliament and Funkadelic and their various spinoffs built upon the sounds of James Brown and Sly and the Family Stone among others and turned out some of the most complex, spaced out, political, cartoonish and, of course, danceable music of the era, elevating the funk groove to a world view.

With a core group featuring Worrell, guitarist Eddie Hazel and bassist Bootsy Collins, P-Funk maintained an exhausting and dazzling pace of recordings, from the hit singles "Give Up the Funk (Tear the Roof off the Sucker)" and "Flash Light" to such albums as "One Nation Under a Groove" and "Funkentelechy Vs. the Placebo Syndrome." And the studio music was just a starting point for the live shows, costumed spectaculars of wide-brimmed hats, war paint, dashikis, military gear or perhaps a white sheet with only a fig leaf underneath.

Worrell was among the first musicians to use a Moog synthesizer, and his mastery brought comparisons to Jimi Hendrix's innovations on guitar. Anything seemed possible when he was on keyboards, conjuring squiggles, squirts, stutters and hiccups on Parliament's "Flash Light" that sounded like funk as if conceived by Martians. On Funkadelic's "Atmosphere," his chatty organ prelude, like a mash-up of Bach and "The Munsters," set up some of Clinton's more unprintable lyrics.

Worrell's contributions as a keyboardist, writer and arranger didn't bring him a lot of money, the source of much legal action and fierce criticism of Clinton, but fellow musicians paid attention. He played with Talking Heads for much of the 1980s and was featured in their acclaimed concert documentary "Stop Making Sense." Worrell also contributed to albums by Keith Richards, Yoko Ono, Nona Hendryx, Manu Dibango and the Pretenders. In 2015, he was a member of Meryl Streep's backing group in the movie "Ricki and the Flash."

In this March 18, 2002, file photo, Bernie Worrell speaks at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in New York. AP

"Kindness comes off that man like stardust," Streep said during a 2016 benefit concert for Worrell at Manhattan's Webster Hall.

Meanwhile, he toured frequently on his own and released such solo records as "Funk of Ages," and "Blacktronic Science" and most recently "Retrospectives." His other credits ranged from co-writing the soundtrack for the 1994 film "Car 54, Where are You?", based on the old TV sitcom, to his brief membership in Paul Shaffer's band on "Late Show with David Letterman."

Bill Cunningham, *NY Times* fashion photographer, dies at 87

This Nov. 23, 2010 photo shows New York Times photographer Bill Cunningham bicycling to work in New York. AP

NEW YORK (AP)—Bill Cunningham, a longtime fashion photographer for The New York Times known for taking pictures of everyday people on the streets of New York, has died. He was 87.

Cunningham died Saturday in New York City, according to Eileen Murphy, a spokeswoman for the newspaper. He had been hospitalized recently after suffering a stroke.

"To see a Bill Cunningham street spread was to see all of New York," New York Times Executive Editor Dean Baquet said in a tweet posted to the newspaper's Twitter account Saturday afternoon.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said Cunningham would be remembered for his trademark blue jacket and traveling by bicycle with a small camera bag strapped to his waist, "but most of all we will remember the vivid, vivacious New York he captured in his photos."

Cunningham began publishing a regular series of photographs in the Times in 1978 after a chance photograph of Greta Garbo got the attention of the storied paper.

After dropping out of Harvard University in 1948, the Boston-born Cunningham moved to New York where he worked as a hat maker and in advertising before being drafted into the U.S. Army. After a stint in the Army, Cunningham returned to New York where he wrote fashion pieces for the Chicago Tribune. He soon segued into photography and started taking photographs of people on the streets before joining the Times.

In a 2002 interview with the paper, Cunningham said he always tried to be as discreet as possible because "you get more natural pictures that way."

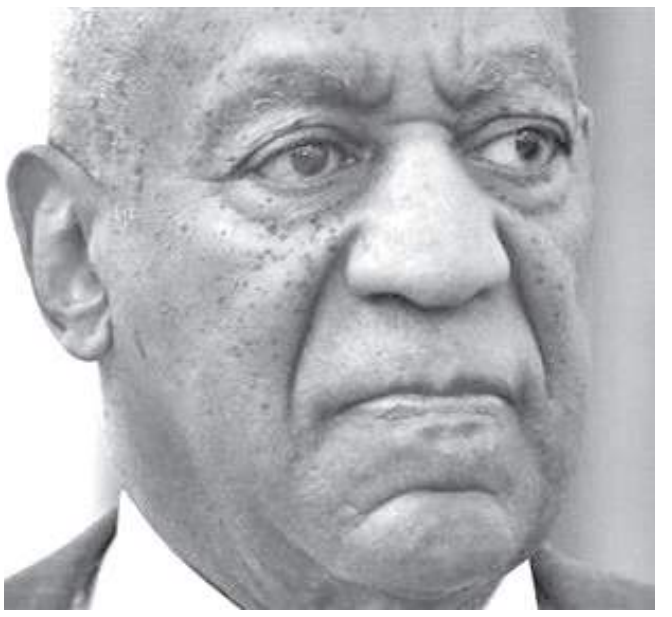
"I suppose, in a funny way, I'm a record keeper. More than a collector," he said. "I'm very aware of things not of value but of historical knowledge."

NH woman drops defamation suit vs Cosby

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP)—A 72-year-old New Hampshire woman who says Bill Cosby raped her in 1965 has withdrawn her civil defamation lawsuit against the comedian after a federal judge had allowed the case to move forward.

Kristina Ruehli's lawyer told The Associated Press on Friday that her client had decided not to pursue the case because the legal landscape has changed since she first filed suit in November. Cosby now faces criminal prosecution in Pennsylvania and similar civil actions are in play in Massachusetts and elsewhere by dozens of other accusers.

"Ms. Ruehli is 72 and her husband just celebrated his 79th birthday," Megan Deluhery, Ruehli's lawyer, said. "She will watch the pending cases proceed in solidarity with other survivors, those known and unknown, while returning her focus, if she can, on her daily life and trying to put behind her all the pain this ordeal has caused her."



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In this May 24, 2016 file photo, Bill Cosby departs the Montgomery County Courthouse after a preliminary hearing, in Norristown, Pa.

Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt responded that the comedian hopes more lawsuits are dropped or dismissed and that Cosby looks forward to fighting the rest before a jury in court.

Wyatt also noted Ruehli's is the second defamation case against his client to be dismissed this year. In January, former teen actress Renita Hill's civil suit was dismissed by a federal judge in Pittsburgh who ruled that the Cosby camp's comments were protected by the First Amendment.

"For those in the media who accepted every allegation raised without question or evaluation, they need to answer the well-known question with respect to Mr. Cosby, 'Which office do I go to get my reputation back?'," Wyatt said in a statement.

Deluhery countered that Ruehli's dismissal, unlike Hill's, was voluntary and had "nothing to do" with the merits of the case.

Ruehli filed a notice to voluntarily dismiss the suit without prejudice, meaning she could refile it. It came after a judge in Springfield, near where Cosby has a home, rejected the comedian's bid to dismiss the case Thursday.

F. Lee Bailey, OJ Simpson's attorney, files for bankruptcy

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)—Famed defense attorney F. Lee Bailey, whose legion of high-profile cases includes the O.J. Simpson murder trial, has filed for bankruptcy in Maine in an effort to discharge an IRS debt of more than $5 million.

Debts to the IRS aren't normally discharged in bankruptcy proceedings, but the 83-year-old Bailey said Friday that they can be if one abides by certain conditions, such as filing and paying his taxes on time since the original taxes and penalties were assessed.

The debt stems from a dispute of his reportable income from 1993 to 2001, The Portland Press Herald (http://bit.ly/28Se2hO) reported.

Bailey served as one of Simpson's attorneys during the former NFL star's 1995 trial, which ended in his acquittal in the 1994 murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Bailey in the 1960s secured a reversal of Dr. Sam Sheppard's conviction in the murder of his pregnant wife, and an acquittal at his second trial. He also represented Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the Boston Strangler.

Bailey was disbarred in Florida in 2001 over mishandling client assets, and Massachusetts issued a reciprocal disbarment in 2003. Bailey's bid to gain admission to the Maine bar failed in 2014, when the Maine Supreme Judicial Court reversed a judge's ruling that would have allowed him to practice law in Maine.

Bailey told the Press Herald Bailey he wants to discharge what he owes to the IRS.

"At 83, it's a little late to raise that kind of money overnight. It's been a long battle," he said.

Billy Joel makes surprise appearance at tribute band show

HUNTINGTON, N.Y. (AP)—Fans watching a Billy Joel tribute band were treated to a surprise appearance by the Piano Man himself.

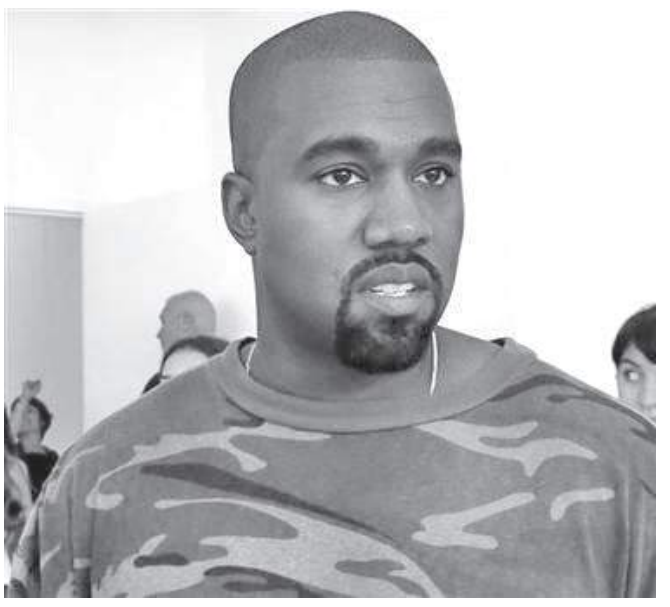
Joel was in the audience Friday night with his wife, Alexis Roderick, at a show in Huntington, New York, when he decided to join the band Big Shot for a three-song set.

Newsday (http://nwsdy.li/28SXxRk) reports Joel jammed on covers of The Beatles' "With a Little Help From My Friends," done Joe Cocker-style, and the Rolling Stones' "Honky Tonk Women."

Joel wrapped up with one of his biggest hits, "You May Be Right," which Big Shot bandleader Michael DelGuidice blended with Led Zeppelin's "Rock and Roll."

The native Long Islander told the crowd he lives "down the road" from the Paramount Theater, in Huntington, Long Island.

Kanye West unveils 'Famous' video of him, celebrities



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In this Sept. 10, 2015 file photo, Kanye West appears at the Brother Vellies Spring 2016 collection presentation during Fashion Week, in New York.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kanye West has unveiled a video on a subject he knows something about: fame.

The video for a single titled "Famous"—unveiled Friday night at a promotional event in the Los Angeles Forum—features what appears to be a naked West with images of 11 other famous people, some of whom he has had good and bad relationships with, Vanity Fair magazine reported (http://bit.ly/28VOm64 .)

The celebrities, who appear to be naked in a huge bed with West, are his wife, Kim Kardashian West; former President George W. Bush; presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump; Vogue editor Anna Wintour; singers Rihanna, Chris Brown and Taylor Swift; singer, producer and West's wife's ex-boyfriend, Ray J; former girlfriend Amber Rose; transgender activist Caitlyn Jenner; and comedian Bill Cosby.

West included an image of Bush, who he famously criticized on national TV right after Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

"Maybe in some alternative universe me and George Bush could have been friends. I could have been his O.J. Simpson black friend on the golf course," West told the magazine in a phone interview.

Keep your dogs on leashes to avoid fights and attacks

DEAR ABBY: Please remind your readers that it's important to keep their dogs on a leash for their pets' protection as well as the protection of those around them. In my community, leash laws are rarely enforced, and it's common to see dogs running loose in city parks. The result is an increase in dogfights and unwelcome contact with people. Coyote attacks are also common here in the West, and small dogs are often the victims.

If other dog owners kept their dogs leashed, I wouldn't have to worry about them bounding up to mine and the ensuing dogfight that follows when my dogs interpret that behavior as a threat. Remember, just because you think your dog is friendly, that doesn't mean all the other dogs are. If people would just keep their dogs leashed, it would avert a myriad of problems for the dogs and their owners.

MARGE IN PHOENIX

DEAR MARGE: I'm glad you wrote. Unless dog owners are in an area where it is designated their animals can run loose—such as an off-leash dog park—their pets should be leashed for their own safety as well as that of others. Off-leash dog parks (and beaches) provide a place for pets to exercise and socialize while also encouraging compliance with leash and "scoop" laws.

Pet owners must remember that coyotes are intelligent and highly adaptable. While they mostly do their hunting at night, they have also been known to "grab a snack" during the day if they happen to be hungry—to the dismay of owners of small pets. And when I say "grab," I'm being literal. It has happened in an instant in front of the owner.

DEAR ABBY: I'm moving in a few weeks and have asked my girlfriend of two years to move in with me. She's considering it, but I suspect she's unsure about it because I am pretty messy at times—underwear tossed on the floor, plates piling up in the kitchen every other day, etc.

I know if I could get my act together she would happily move in, which is something I really want. Can you please give me some tips on becoming better at cleaning? I would hate for her to move in and feel like my maid, or worse, not move in at all.

READY TO COHABIT

DEAR READY: Your problem may be less that you're messy than that you're a procrastinator. These are some basics: Buy a large wicker basket and keep it in a corner of your bedroom or closet. When the underwear and socks come off, toss them into the basket instead of on the floor. When you remove your pants and shirt, instead of throwing them over a chair, hang them up.

After you're finished eating, either put your plate, silverware, etc., into the dishwasher, or hand-wash them immediately and put them where they belong. Try it for a week, and you'll be amazed at how tidy your place will be.

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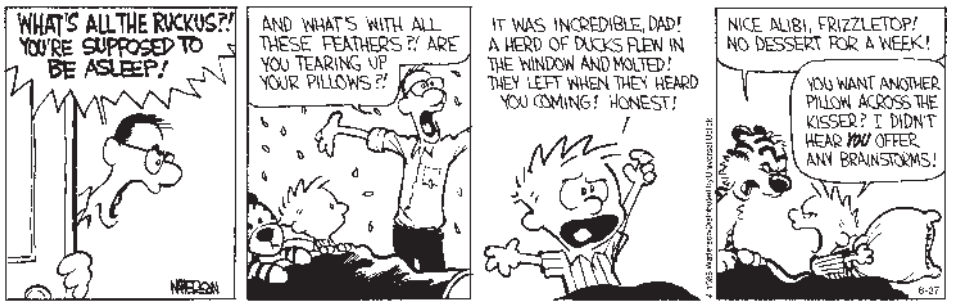
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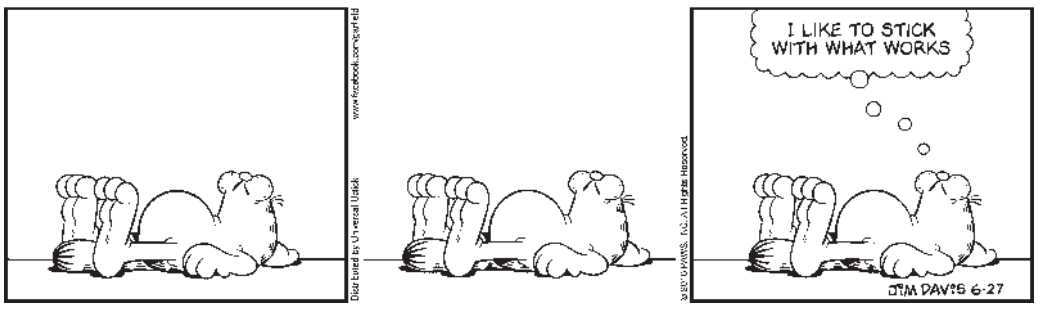

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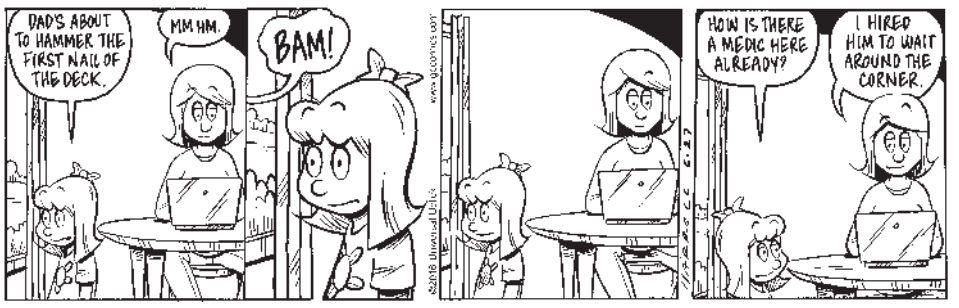
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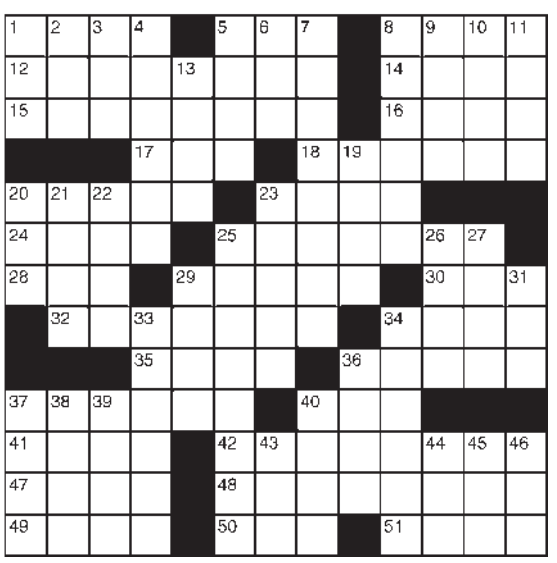

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ed Westwick, 29; Drake Bell, 30; Tobey Maguire, 41; J.J. Abrams, 50.

Happy Birthday: Consider all sides of any situation you face, and look for unique solutions. Being able to separate and define what works best will be your gateway to success. The more diverse and imaginative you are, the better you will do. Make family a priority. Take part in events or activities that will bring you new information and greater satisfaction. Your numbers are 4, 9, 15, 24, 27, 36, 42.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Old emotions will surface. Keep your thoughts to yourself until you have sorted out exactly what needs to be done. Use your intelligence and concentrate on your work to bring about personal changes that will lead to greater benefits. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): A friendly push will help you get things up and running. Share your ideas and you'll get feedback that will be encouraging and insightful. Make personal or physical changes, and make romance a priority. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Quickly size up the situations you are facing and refuse to be coaxed into something you are not interested in. Protect against emotional manipulation and concentrate on improving your life. Avoid selfish people. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Let situations unfold naturally. You will do remarkably well if you engage in a personal challenge. Your unique ideas will be well received and give you a platform that will allow you to make prosperous improvements. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Show everyone how adaptable you are. Share your thoughts and offer suggestions that will enhance whatever changes are taking place. Being a part of what's going on around you will give you greater control over the situations you face. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Take care of your responsibilities before taking on projects that will not benefit you personally. Reconnect with someone from your past who has always offered good advice. Romance will help bring you closer to someone you love. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Fight for what you believe in and don't let yourself be taken advantage of or pushed aside. Use your intelligence to outsmart anyone who tries to outmaneuver you. Refuse to let your emotions take over and lead to a poor choice. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Learn as you go, and create new possibilities that can catapult you into the forefront of a cause, project or new beginning you are trying to achieve. Love is in the stars, and sharing your feelings and experiences with someone special will make them that much richer. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Uncertainty and confusion will be costly. Don't believe everything you hear or take anything for granted. Unusual circumstances will arise and you'll want to be prepared to deal with any problems that develop. Stick close to home and protect your reputation and possessions. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Listen, but don't jump just because someone else makes a move. Patience will be your saving grace when it comes to investments, negotiations and getting what you want. Make plans to do something special with someone you love. ✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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2	3	5	4	7	8	1	6	9
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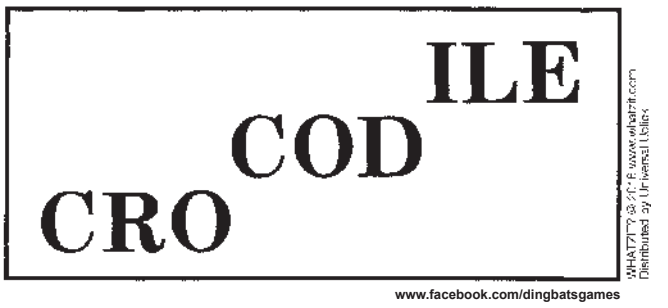

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Irving, Barnes finish US Olympic team

NEW YORK (AP)—The U.S. basketball team has its roster for Rio.

Kyrie Irving and Harrison Barnes accepted spots on the team to fill out the Americans' 12-player Olympic squad, a person with knowledge of the details said Saturday.

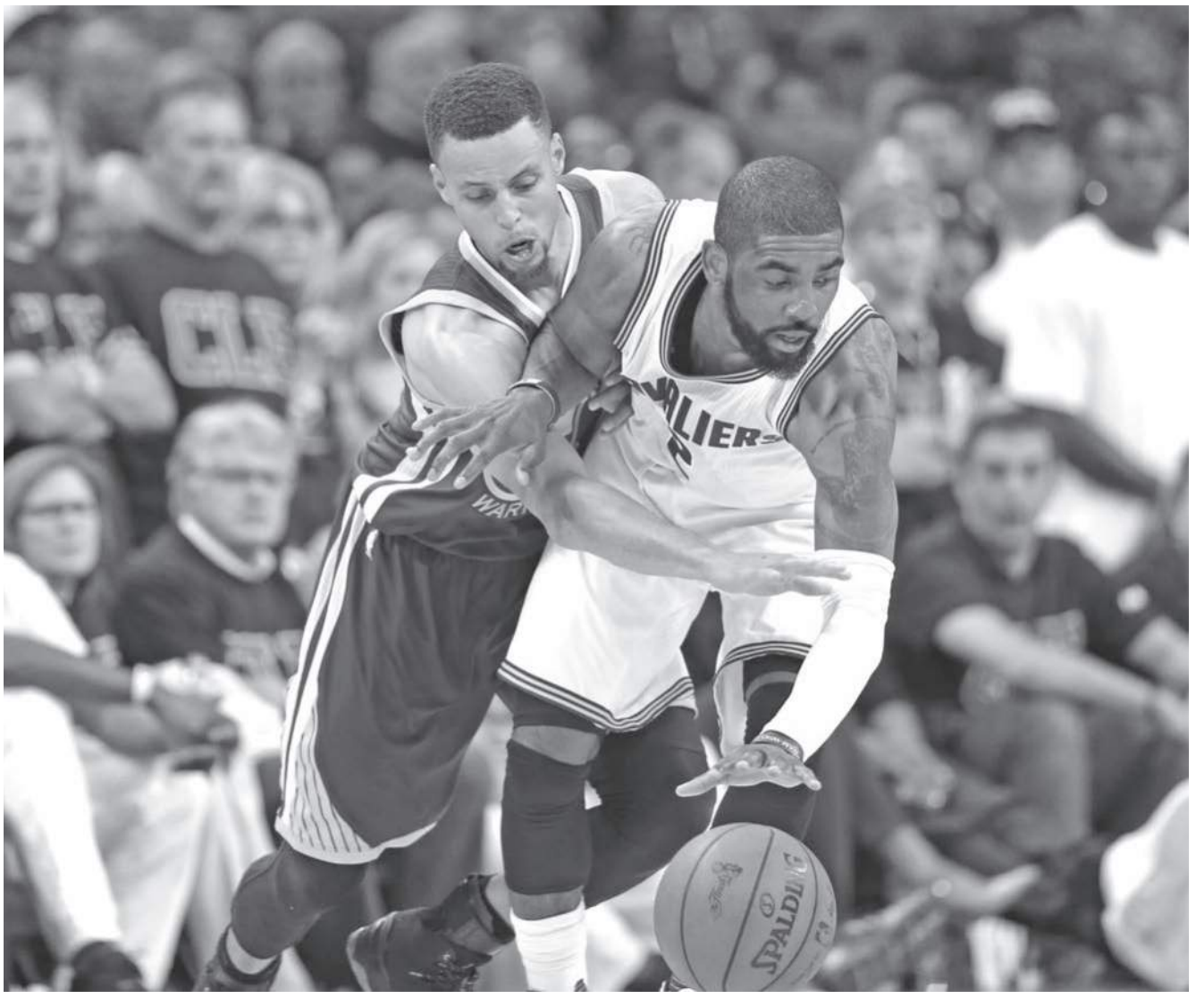
The decisions come two days before the Americans plan to announce the team in New York. They were confirmed to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because roster details were to remain private.

The Americans had received 10 confirmations by Thursday and were holding spots for Irving and LeBron James, who wanted more time to decide after winning the NBA championship. James opted not to play but Irving should be an important player after a number of top point guards, including Stephen Curry, Russell Westbrook and Chris Paul, withdrew from consideration.

Irving was the MVP of the 2014 Basketball World Cup.

Once James passed on what would have been a fourth Olympics, the Americans settled on Barnes, who becomes the third Golden State player on the team. The swingman shot poorly in the NBA Finals as the Warriors lost to Cleveland in seven games.

The rest of the roster: Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant, New York's Carmelo Anthony, Toronto's Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan, Indiana's Paul George, Golden State's Draymond Green and Klay Thompson, Sacramento's DeMarcus Cousins, Chicago's Jimmy Butler and the Clippers' DeAndre Jordan.



AP

Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) reaches against Cleveland Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving (2) during the first half of Game 6 of basketball's NBA Finals in Cleveland, Thursday, June 16, 2016.

It's not as experienced as recent U.S. teams, as only Durant and Anthony have played in the Olympics. The Americans lost a number of potential selections to injuries or other reasons in recent months, including James Harden, Anthony Davis and Blake Griffin.

Anthony will set a record by playing on his fourth U.S. team and could become the most decorated Olympic men's basketball player ever if he helps the Americans to a third straight gold medal.

ESPN first reported Irving would play. Barnes' decision was reported by Yahoo Sports.

Meanwhile, Jonathan Horton texted Chris Brooks and Alex Naddour a picture before both rounds of the U.S. men's gymnastics Olympic Trials this week. The image was from London four years ago. In it, Brooks and Naddour were cheering from the stands in the O2 Arena as alternates while their teammates stumbled to a fifth-place finish.

Horton attached a short note too, giving Naddour and Brooks a reminder of what was at stake.

"He was like, 'Make this not happen,'" Brooks said with a laugh.

It didn't. Finally.

Surging at a time when he so often stumbled, the 29-year-old Brooks secured a long-awaited Olympic berth on Saturday night. His second-place finish in the all-around behind four-time national champion Sam Mikulak was good enough to erase any lingering doubt about his maturity and his ability to perform in the clutch.

"Old guys still got it," Brooks said.

Suns accelerate rebuilding process with 2016 draft

PHOENIX (AP)—Marquese Chriss wanted to play in Phoenix but figured his chance had passed when the Suns used the No. 4 overall pick of the NBA draft on Dragan Bender.

Chriss' agent told him the next few teams would likely be taking guards, so the athletic forward turned his focus toward Sacramento. He grew up just north of the California capitol in Pleasant Grove, so his sister was ecstatic when the Kings took him with the No. 8 overall pick.

Hold on, Chriss told his sister, you never know what might happen.

He was right. Not long after NBA Commissioner Adam Silver announced the Kings had selected Chriss, his rights were shipped to Phoenix. He would play for the Suns after all.

"It was a crazy turn of events that I ended up here," Chriss said Friday at an introductory news conference with Bender and second-round pick Tyler Ulis. "When they picked him (Bender), I was like, `dang, guess I'm going somewhere else,' and they worked some type of magic and I ended up here."

It certainly was some crafty maneuvering by the Suns on Thursday night.

Phoenix's brass debated whether to take Bender or Chriss with the fourth overall pick before deciding on the 7-foot-1 forward from Bosnia. They continued to work the back channels and reached a deal with the Kings, sending the rights to Bogdan Bogdanovic along with the Nos. 13 and 28 picks in the draft to Sacramento to get Chriss.

The 18-year-olds give Phoenix two athletic, multi-dimensional players at a position of need and a seemingly bright future with young players like Devin Booker and Brandon Knight—along with Eric Bledsoe—already on the roster.

"These are two unique guys," Suns general manager Ryan McDonough said. "You don't find many players with their size and skill and athleticism."

Both have huge upsides.

Bender didn't get to showcase his skills much with Maccabi Tel Aviv, where he averaged 5.5 points on a veteran team last season. Still, his athletic ability jumped out, from finishing at the rim, shooting from the perimeter and passing in traffic.

Chriss struggled at the start of his freshman season at Washington, particularly with foul trouble. The 6-foot-10 forward got better as the season progressed, confidently dropping shots from the outside and soaring well above the rim for rebounds and dunks.

They will have the benefit of learning on the job together, something Chriss experienced with all the freshmen that arrived together at Washington last year.

"It's beneficial because you grow together, you learn things together and have experiences that no one really has had," Chriss said. "You grow up and kind of mature together when you're competing against each other every day."

Ulis had expected to be taken much earlier than he was.

The SEC player of the year was once considered a lottery pick before slipping to being projected in the middle of the first round. He continued to fall as this year's draft drew near, teams afraid to take a chance on a 5-foot-9, 160-pound point guard until the Suns grabbed him at No. 34 overall.

"The skills he brings as a point guard, size doesn't really matter," said Suns coach Earl Watson, a former undersized NBA point guard. "The old point guard of posting up with Gary Payton, with Mark Jackson, that doesn't exist. Pace is everything. You talk about who can he guard? Well, who's going to guard him? It goes both ways."

Ulis should feel comfortable in the desert with all the Kentucky blue sprinkled across Phoenix's roster.

Booker was Ulis' teammate in Lexington and already has a year of NBA experience under his belt after leaving Kentucky early. Knight went to the Final Four with Kentucky in 2010-11, Bledsoe played under John Calipari during the 2009-10 season and Archie Bradley had another one-and-done season in Lexington in 2012-13, giving Phoenix five players from one school.

"It's already a family atmosphere here," Ulis said. "I think it's going to be pretty easy."

Rose hoping for 'something special' after trade to Knicks

NEW YORK (AP)—Derrick Rose isn't just leaving his team. He's leaving home.

He was born and raised in Chicago, so it hurt when the Bulls traded him to New York. He will miss his friends and family, especially his young son he will be away from more now.

But after a couple of days, Rose is embracing change.

"I feel like something special is going to happen," Rose said. "I really don't know what, I just feel like something special."

The Bulls traded the former MVP and No. 1 overall pick to the Knicks on Wednesday, with center Robin Lopez and point guards Jose Calderon and Jerian Grant going to Chicago. Rose was introduced at a press conference at Madison Square Garden on Friday, still adjusting to his new life.

"It still don't feel real," Rose said. "Driving in and just seeing my name on the billboard, or seeing my picture on the billboard or on the screen outside of the building, kind of blew me away a little bit. It probably really won't hit me until I step on the floor and actually have a jersey on."

The new jersey will have a new number, as he's switching from the No. 1 he wore in his eight years with the Bulls to No. 25. That was his number at Simeon High School, which the best player traditionally wore in honor of star player Benji Wilson, who was murdered in 1984 before what would have been his senior season.

Rose said that switch was "all for Chicago."

"It groomed me into the man I am right now and I know there's a lot of people back home that's very surprised at this move. So I'm not forgetting about them, we're just taking this to New York," Rose said.

He played at MSG in high school and remembers thinking New York was much faster than Chicago. Now he's looking forward to being here, writing an online article Friday for The Cycle titled "I'm Ready for New York ."

Bullpen brilliant again as Yankees edge Twins

NEW YORK (AP)—Starlin Castro drove home the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning with a sharp one-hopper scored an error on shortstop Eduardo Escobar, and the New York Yankees edged the Minnesota Twins 2-1 Saturday with more dominant pitching from the back end of their bullpen.

Dellin Betances, Andrew Miller (5-0) and Aroldis Chapman combined to throw three scoreless innings for the third straight game.

They had teamed up to set down 26 consecutive batters during that stretch before Joe Mauer singled on a 99 mph fastball from Chapman with two outs in the ninth.

The left-hander then struck out Brian Dozier, who homered earlier off a very effective Michael Pineda, for his 15th save in 16 tries. The 100 mph fastball that ended it was the only pitch Chapman threw that reached triple digits—after his first 10 on Friday night were all 100 mph or more on the scoreboard.

AP

New York Yankees' Brian McCann, right, is tagged out at home plate by Minnesota Twins catcher Kurt Suzuki during the eighth inning of a baseball game Saturday, June 25, 2016, in New York. The Yankees won, 2-1.

Blue Jays 10, White Sox 8

In Chicago, the White Sox tied a team record with seven home runs, but it wasn't enough as Edwin Encarnacion drove in four runs, Devon Travis homered and Toronto held on for the win.

All seven homers were solo shots. Brett Lawrie became the first White Sox player since Ron Santo in 1974 to hit inside-the-park and over-the-wall homers in the same game

Mets 1, Braves 0, 11 innings

In Atlanta, pinch-hitter Kelly Johnson lined a leadoff home run in the 11th inning and New York outlasted Atlanta.

Johnson pulled a pitch from Dario Alvarez (1-1) into the first row of the right-field seats for his third homer.

Padres 3, Reds 0

In Cincinnati, Drew Pomeranz drove in a pair of runs and pitched seven innings, leading San Diego in a game delayed a few minutes by the Cincinnati Reds' tribute to Pete Rose.

Pomeranz hit his second career homer and had an RBI single against left-hander Brandon Finnegan (3-6). The Padres have won the first three games of the series, improving to 12-3 against the Reds over the last three seasons.

Orioles 5, Rays 1
Orioles 8, Rays 6

In Baltimore, Matt Wieters hit two homers, and Baltimore rallied from four runs down in the second game to complete a doubleheader sweep and extend Tampa Bay's losing streak to 10 games.

Adam Jones and Chris Davis also homered for the AL East-leading Orioles, who trailed 4-0 in the third inning and 6-3 in the fifth.

Orioles starter Chris Tillman gave up six runs and 10 hits in five innings before Baltimore's comeback kept the right-hander unbeaten in 13 starts since April 14.

Indians 6, Tigers 0

In Detroit, Francisco Lindor homered twice and Carlos Carrasco pitched a four-hitter to lead Cleveland to its eighth consecutive win.

The Indians also improved to 8-0 against the Tigers this year, outscoring them 51-16.

It was the first career multihomer game for the 22-year-old Lindor, and Carlos Santana and Yan Gomes also went deep for AL Central-leading Cleveland.

Marlins 9, Cubs 6

In Miami, Justin Bour and Giancarlo Stanton each drove in three runs, Paul Clemens got his first big league win in more than three years and Miami erased an early deficit to beat Chicago.

Bour hit his 14th home run for the Marlins, who got to 40 wins in 75 games -- or 20 games faster than they did a year ago. Ichiro Suzuki's infield single in the fifth sparked what became a four-run inning that put Miami ahead for good.

Brewers 6, Nationals 5

In Milwaukee, Chris Carter hit a three-run homer, Matt Garza pitched six innings for this first win of the season, and Milwaukee beat Washington.

Carter connected for his 19th homer with two out in the first. Jonathan Villar had three hits for Milwaukee, including an RBI single in the second.

Phillies 3, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Cameron Rupp chased Madison Bumgarner with a two-run homer in Philadelphia's three-run seventh inning, helping the Phillies beat San Francisco.

Andres Blanco singled in Tommy Joseph before Rupp connected for his seventh homer. Joseph had two hits for Philadelphia, which had lost 10 of 11.

Rockies 11, Diamondbacks 6

In Denver, Tony Wolters hit his first major league home run and drove in four runs, helping Colorado beat Arizona.

Wolters hit a two-run double in the fourth off Shelby Miller and a two-run homer in the sixth that boosted Colorado's lead to 7-1.

Pirates 6, Dodgers 1

In Pittsburgh, Andrew McCutchen homered twice, Jeff Locke took a perfect game into the sixth inning, and Pittsburgh beat Los Angeles for the second straight night.

McCutchen had a solo shot in the fourth inning for the game's first hit and then a three-run shot to start a five-run sixth that increased the Pirates' lead to 6-0.

Astros 13, Royals 5

In Kansas City, Jose Altuve went 4 for 5, including a home run and two doubles, and Houston won its seventh straight.

Altuve drove in three runs and scored three runs. He is hitting .417 with a .484 on-base percentage while reaching base in 27 consecutive games, the longest active streak in the major leagues.

Rangers 10, Red Sox 3

In Arlington, Elvis Andrus had a bases-loaded triple and Ian Desmond homered again to lead Texas.

Desmond's 13th homer, his sixth in June, tied the game leading off the fourth. Mitch Moreland had a tie-breaking two-run single later in the inning to put the Rangers ahead to stay.

Athletics 7, Angels 3

In Anaheim, Coco Crisp hit a two-run single and scored four times, Danny Valencia homered and drove in three runs, and Dillon Overton pitched into the sixth inning to get the win in major league debut as Oakland beat Los Angeles.

Angels slugger Albert Pujols hit his 574th homer to snap a tie with Harmon Killebrew for 11th place on baseball's career list.

Mariners 5, Cardinals 4

In Seattle, Dae-Ho Lee drove in two runs and Leonys Martin had three hits to help Nathan Karns get his first win in almost a month as Seattle beat St. Louis.

Karns (6-2) gave up four runs and five hits in five innings for his first victory since May 30, and Steve Cishek got the last three outs for his 17th save of the season.

Pete Rose added to Reds' Hall of Fame in long-awaited moment

CINCINNATI (AP)—Pete Rose joked about his hair and his age. He reminisced about all those wins with the Big Red Machine. There was one thing that the hits king was determined not to do when he was inducted into the Cincinnati Reds' Hall of Fame.

"I've already cried on the field one time," Rose said on Saturday, referring to the time he got his record-setting hit. "That's enough."

The 75-year-old Rose kept his composure during a pregame ceremony honoring him as the 86th player to go into the team's hall. Many of his former Big Red Machine teammates - Hall of Famers Johnny Bench and Tony Perez, among them - were on hand to join in the humor and the honor.

Also, to say a few nice things about the Cincinnati native known as Charlie Hustle who became the face of baseball's first professional team in so many ways, with his gritty play and, later, his lifetime ban for betting on Reds games. His ban prevents him from getting into Cooperstown, but the Reds got permission to honor him in their own way.

"He's the most dissatisfied person I've ever known," Bench said. "Every day he was unhappy until he got four hits. He was never, ever happy with three hits. He wanted four.

"The greatness of this man was that he was never satisfied."

Rose set baseball's hits record with No. 4,192 at Riverfront Stadium in 1985 against the Padres, who also were the Reds' opponent on Saturday. When he reached first base on his single, he wound up crying during a nine-minute ovation from the fans. As he was introduced at Great American Ball Park on Saturday, fans chanted, "Pete! Pete!" and gave him a one-minute ovation.

When he got to the podium, Rose used a towel to wipe the sweat from his forehead. He noted that he was allotted only five minutes to talk, when he could spend days recounting what the fans meant to him.

"I was hitting for you," Rose said. "I was trying to score runs for you."

Rose joked that he's attended Hall of Fame inductions, but this was the first time he'd been invited to one. He told the fans that it was the "biggest thing that's ever happened to me in baseball."

Then he and Perez and Bench went onto the field. Perez threw a pitch from in front of the mound with Rose in the left-handed batter's box and Bench behind the plate. The pitch was outside. Rose took it.

And then he got another ovation. The start of the game was delayed by six minutes because the ceremony went long.

Cincinnati natives Barry Larkin and Ron Oester also are in the team's hall and recognized the specialness of being honored by the team they grew up admiring.

"Anytime you're honored by getting inducted into the hall of anything, I think it's wonderful," said Larkin, who was inducted at Cooperstown in 2012. "But being inducted into a hall of fame for your hometown team, it's personal."

During a media availability that was streamed live on the Great American Ball Park videoboard and Major League Baseball's website, Rose and his former teammates enjoyed the chance to trade barbs as well as compliments.

Argentina vs Chile in Copa America final rematch

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Another year, another final for Lionel Messi and Argentina.

They made it to the championship match at the 2014 World Cup -- and lost 1-0 in extra time to Germany. They made it to the 2015 Copa America final -- and lost on penalty kicks after a 0-0 draw against Chile. Two games, and no goals for Messi, or any of his teammates.

Now with a special Centennial Copa America celebrating the 100th anniversary of South America's championship, La Albiceleste get a rematch against Chile on Sunday at MetLife Stadium, seeking their first major title in 23 years.

Messi has been his transcendent self to lead Argentina back to this moment

"We've been spectacular from Day 1," he said after the semifinals, "and we deserved this."

AP

Argentina's Lionel Messi, center, works against Victor Cuesta during a training session ahead of the team's Copa America soccer final against Chile, Friday, June 24, 2016, in East Rutherford, N.J. Argentina and Chile are scheduled to play for the championship Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

But of course all that will be quickly forgotten if they lose again. And they're facing a Chile team that left Colombia and Mexico stunned by its fast starts in its last two games.

Argentina beat Chile 2-1 to open this tournament—without Messi, who was returning from an injury. Chile has found its form in the knockout rounds, though, with a 7-0 quarterfinal rout of Mexico and a 2-0 win in the semis over Colombia without suspended midfielder Arturo Vidal, when both goals came in the first 11 minutes.

Chile coach Juan Antonio Pizzi made sure to mention Saturday that 20 days have passed since the first meeting between these two teams. His squad has since corrected the mistakes that led to Argentina's goals.

"We lost because of our own failures," insisted defensive midfielder Marcelo Diaz, who missed the semifinals because of injury but pronounced himself fit for Sunday. "That's not going to happen tomorrow."

This is a confident Chile team, as Diaz put it, "not just individually but collectively." And he suggested that Argentina perhaps shouldn't be deemed the favorite Sunday considering what happened in last year's Copa final in Chile.

"The players are practically the same ones," Diaz said through a translator Saturday. "The tactics are precisely the same."

Patience key for Spain against Italy's tough defense

SAINT-MARTIN-DE-RE, France –(AP)—Spain is pledging to stick to its acclaimed passing game to try to break through Italy's equally famous defense in the round of 16 of the European Championship on Monday.

Facing one of the best defenses at Euro 2016, Spain is vowing to stay patient and keep the ball for as long as needed to create scoring chances against its old rival in Monday's match at Stade de France.

"It's difficult to score and it's difficult to create opportunities against them," Spain midfielder Thiago Alcantara said. "It's a team that is well set up. It scores few goals but also concedes few goals. It will be a tough game. It's always complicated to play against Italy."

The two-time defending champion is pledging not to fall into the trap of changing its style and forcing balls into the Italian defense if it becomes difficult to get near Gianluigi Buffon's goal.

"We've been successful with this type of game. We've become used to it," Alcantara said. "We may vary our style at times, sometimes using a striker up front, but we have always maintained our passing game."

With Barcelona midfielder Andres Iniesta in command, Spain finished the group stage as the most accurate passing team at Euro 2016, completing 93 percent of its passes. It also had the most passing attempts among all 24 teams that started the tournament, with 2,023. That was nearly double what Italy had in its first three games.

Spain also finished with one of the highest ball-possession rates in the first phase with 61 percent, against 48 percent for Italy.

Italy's defense proved effective in the group stage against very offensive teams, keeping a clean sheet against both Belgium and Zlatan Ibrahimovic's Sweden. It conceded in a 1-0 loss to Ireland in its final group game after resting some regular starters. Spain scored five goals in its first three games, conceding two.

It will be the third straight European Championship in which Spain and Italy play each other. Spain eliminated the Italians in a penalty shootout in the quarterfinals of the 2008 tournament and triumphed in the final in Ukraine in 2012.

"We played one of the best games I can remember in that final," defender Jordi Alba said. "But it's not going to be like that this time. They have three central defenders and two wingers who can create problems for us. It will be very difficult."

Coach Vicente Del Bosque used the same starting lineup in the first three matches and is not expected to make any changes to the squad against Italy despite the disappointing 2-1 loss to Croatia in its final group game, a result that dropped the team to second place and set up the early encounter with the Italians.

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tournament will not start until June 29, but at this early, manager Manny Evangelista picks the Philippines and host Chinese-Taipei as the CNMI's toughest opponents.

"Chinese-Taipei almost always fields a strong team in the tournament, while the Philippines has been doing well in the last few years," Evangelista said.

Chinese-Taipei won last year's ASPAC held on Saipan as the Taiwanese were declared champions (based on pool play results) after a typhoon cut short the regionals. Chinese-Taipei was supposed to play the CNMI in the afternoon finale, which was called off due to Tropical Storm Chan-Hom. The Commonwealth defeated Australia in the semis to set up a title match against Chinese-Taipei, which eliminated the Philippines in the other Final Four pairing.

Majority of the members of last year's CNMI Junior All-Stars Team are back for this year's ASPAC and Evangelista is counting on his players' chemistry and experience when they try anew to gain entry to the World Series after a tough break in 2015.

"Our players have been together for years so they know each other's tendencies and that's a good sign for any team. This year, our bullpen is also very strong so hopefully that will work to our advantage," the team manager added.

The CNMI is bringing only a 14-player roster to Taiwan. The list includes Dennis Cabrera, Tyrese Camacho, Vicente Camacho Jr., Justin Celis, Spencer Dickinson, Aven Evangelista, Angel Iguel, Philip Kapileo, Pedro Maratita, Ignacio Mendiola, Dai Podziewski, Jode Reyes, Joe Tudela, and Arby Yaguel. Completing the squad are head of delegation Yvonne Camacho, head coach Michael Cruz, assistant coach Vicente Camacho, and umpire Michael Muna.

The group had to work double overtime in training sessions, according to Manny Evangelista, as the Saipan Little League Baseball season ended late.

"We had practice in less than a month, five teams a week," the manager said.

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Kosrae's lone run at the bottom of the sixth for the 9-7 tally. Jose Lizama Jr. closed out for the Commonwealth, replacing starter Mike Muna and fanning out seven in 4.3 innings pitched.

Meanwhile, in its game against Guam, the CNMI got its rhythm in the middle innings to move a win away from sweeping it preliminary matches.

The CNMI held a shaky 2-0 lead after three innings when it tacked on 11 runs in the next three to open a double-digit lead, 13-3, and boost its bid for an early victory via mercy rule. The host drew an RBI single and RBI triple from Giovanni Mira and Henry Lizama Jr., respectively in the fourth inning; an RBI single each from Nokki Saralu and Verlance Secharmidal plus two runs off Guam's errors in the fifth; and a two-RBI double from Camacho and two runs off wild pitches in the sixth.

At the top of the seventh, Guam was pressured to score at least one run to extend the game and the visiting team did more than what was required with J.D. San Nicolas hitting a two-RBI double.

With Guam threatening to slice down the deficit, the CNMI called in Peter Lieto to replace Frankie Lieto. Peter struggled at the start of his late shift before getting back-to-back strikeouts to end the inning. He went on to fan out four more Guam batters with his first two foiling Guam's chances to score in the eighth inning. Guam had runners on second and third in the penultimate inning with only one out when Peter struck out Mike Concepcion and San Nicolas. Guam was then called for a 1-2-3 inning in the last with Peter getting two more Ks and catcher Secharmidal catching a fly.

Guam 13, Palau 9

Guam, before losing to the CNMI yesterday, prevailed against Palau in last Saturday's nightcap.

Guam gained early control of the match, thanks to a five-run top of the third, highlighted by Jarred Alerta's two-RBI double. The winning team went on to score seven more runs from the fourth to sixth inning to keep its safe distance against Palau, which got off to a slow start, having only two runs in the first four innings.

Kosrae 6, CNMI Junior Nationals 4

In last Saturday's afternoon match, Kosrae edged the CNMI Junior National Team.

The visiting team shut down the Commonwealth's youth squad in the last three innings to pull off the close win, which will not be counted in the competition standings as the second CNMI squad is only a guest participant in the event.

Ned Alik pitched in no relief for Kosrae and capped his steady performance on the mound with three straight strikeouts at the bottom of the last inning. He fanned out three more batters in the final three innings and allowed only three hits to keep Kosrae on top.

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Open Junior Championships.

Lee is seeded higher (No. 4) in this Grade 5 competition that will also take place in Fiji, starting today.

The CNMI bet drew a bye in the first round and will not be seeing action until tomorrow when she takes on either Japanese qualifier Aina Otsuka or New Zealand's Holly Stewart. With Lee ranked fourth and on top of the draw, she may likely cross path anew with Tsukamoto, who is seeded third in the tournament. Staines is also playing in the Oceania competition and is ranked first after conquering the earlier Grade 4 event.

Lee's fellow CNMI players Tania Tan and Isabel Heras will participate, too in their second straight ranking tournament in Fiji. Tan is paired against Japanese qualifier Kaeda Tada, while Heras is pitted against Australia's Luciana Kunkel.

2016 Micronesian Baseball Classic Opening

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The CNMI Junior National Team players and officials sing the CNMI anthem during the opening ceremony for the 2016 Micronesian Baseball Classic last Friday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Guests at the opening rites sing the U.S. national anthem.

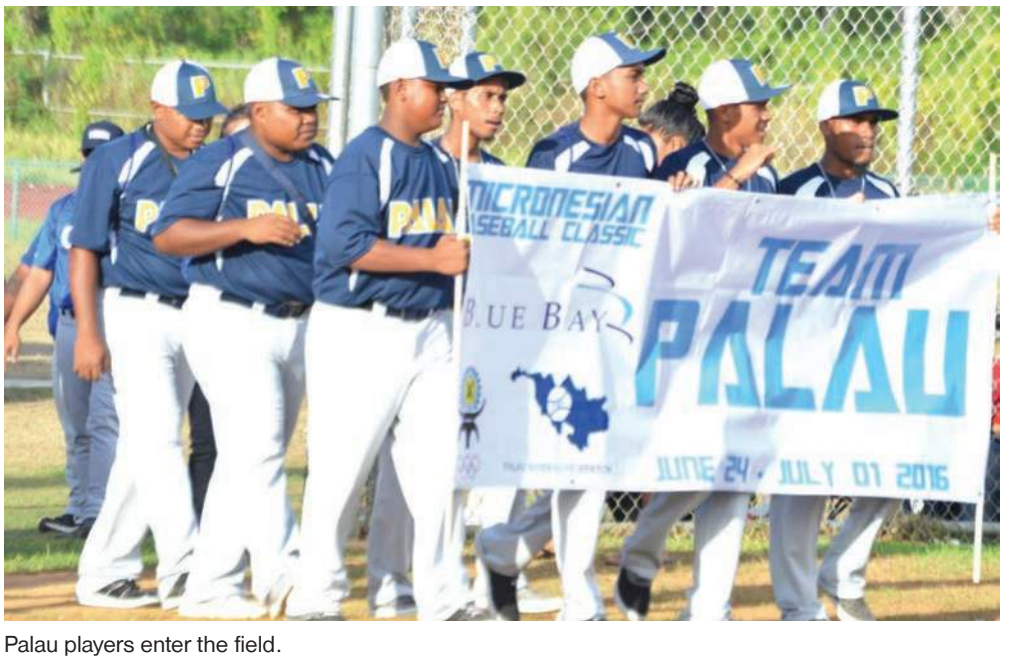
Guam players sing their national anthem.

Tournament director Tony Rogolifoi delivers a message at the opening ceremony.

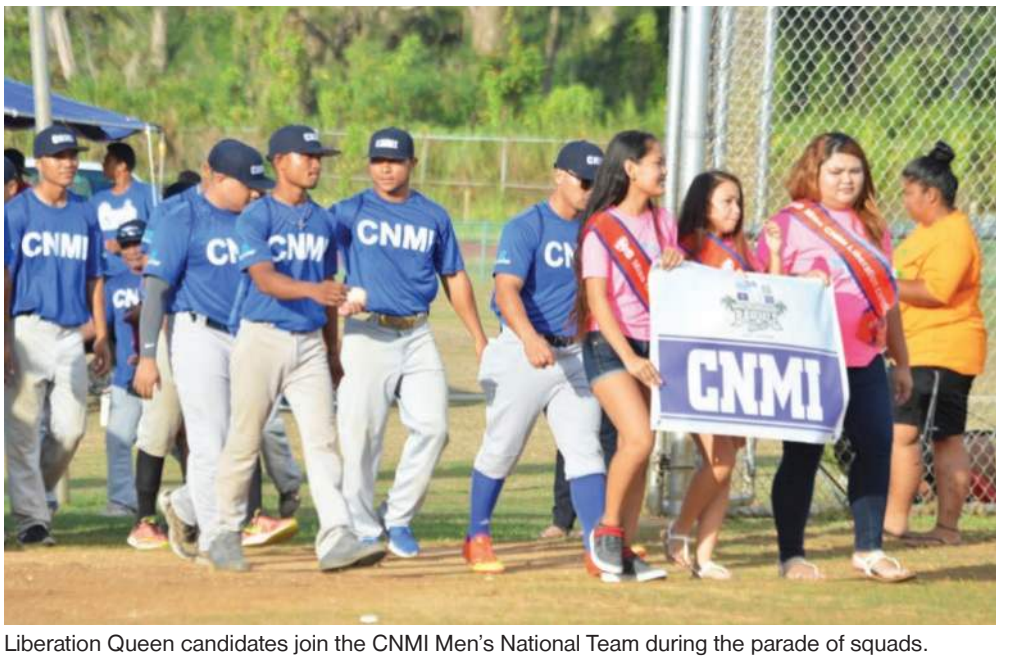
The umpires head to the field during the parade of teams.

L.J. Castro speaks on behalf of Gov. Ralph Torres.

Kosrae players join the parade of teams.



Palau players enter the field.



Liberation Queen candidates join the CNMI Men's National Team during the parade of squads.

Irving, Barnes finish US Olympic team

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CNMI beats Kosrae, Guam

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The CNMI's Peter Lieto delivers a pitch during the top of the seventh inning of their game against Guam yesterday in the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The CNMI Men's National Team won its first two games in the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic over the weekend at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield to boost its finals chances in the four-nation competition.

The host defeated Kosrae, 9-7, in the opener last Friday before downing Guam, 14-5, yesterday. The CNMI will close out its round-robin assignment tomorrow when it takes on Palau at 2pm and a win will give the Henry Lizama-managed squad the No. 1 spot in the team standings. Once it finishes on top of the pool, the Commonwealth will need only one win in the page system playoffs to advance to this Friday's finale.

Brian Camacho led the CNMI's victory in the opening day after recording three RBIs, while Ben Jones made the first hit (single) and also scored the first run in the competition. Camacho went 0-for-2 in his first two at bats before going 2-for-3 in the end, including a two-run double at the top of the sixth inning to break the deadlock, 8-6. Peter Tomokane added another run off Kosrae's error at left field for the 9-6 advantage.

Kosrae, after five complete innings, forced a deadlock, 6-6, when it got two runs each in the second and fourth and one apiece in the first and fifth. The CNMI, on the other hand, opened the top of the first with three runs off Byron Kaipat's RBI triple and Jones run from a passed ball. Kaipat also reached off Kosrae's miscue at second base. The host's three other runs were off Pat Alepuyo and Camacho's RBI single each in the third and fourth, respectively, and Tomokane's sacrifice fly.

The CNMI hung on to the lead and the win when it allowed Kosrae to score only one run in the last four innings. Reggie Skilling posted

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Lee falls short in semis bid

LEE

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Carol Lee missed a chance to advance further in the 2016 South Pacific Open Junior Championships after losing an extended quarterfinal game in Lautoka, Fiji last Friday.

Lee bowed to the U.S. Sara Tsukamoto in three sets of their Round of 8 match at the bottom half of the draw. The fifth-ranked Lee stunned the No. 3 seed Tsukamoto in the opening set, 7-6 (3), before the latter bounced back with a 6-2 win in the second to stay in contention. Tsukamoto went on to avoid Lee's upset axe after surviving the thrilling third set, 7-5.

The US bet eventually made it to the finals after eliminating Hong Kong's Claudia Ng in the semis, 6-2, 6-3, before losing to the top-ranked Kaitlin Staines in the finals. The Aussie swept her way to the title win, 6-4, 6-4, to complete her domination in the Grade 4 tournament. Staines also won the doubles crown, as she and Ng outclassed Singapore's Maxine Ng and Hong Kong's Wing Sze Yu in the finals, 6-3, 6-1.

Meanwhile, Lee will be back on the court this week as she competes in another ITF Junior ranking tournament—the Oceania

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Major All-Stars win debut; Junior team leaves for ASPAC

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The CNMI Major All-Star Team got off to a good start in the 2016 Asia Pacific/Middle East Regional Championships last weekend, while the Junior All-Stars leave for Taiwan today to begin their separate ASPAC bid.

The CNMI defeated Guam, 7-3, in last Saturday's opening game in the Little League division of the World Series qualifier at Jangchung Stadium in Seoul, South Korea. Other details of the match were unavailable at press time, as well as the results of the CNMI-Philippines game yesterday.

The John Maratita-managed Major All-Stars were the first CNMI team to leave the island to vie for the World Series slot. The squad is in Pool A of the field along with Dubai, India, and the host country. The Top 2 teams after the pool play will advance to the playoffs. Pool B has Saudia Arabia, Hong Kong, Chinese-Taipei, Thailand, and China.

Meanwhile, the CNMI Junior All-Stars will be battling Guam, Chinese-Taipei, the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Australia.

The schedule of games in the Junior League ASPAC has yet to be posted at the event's website as the

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The CNMI Junior All-Stars players and head coach Mike Cruz pose for a photo at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield after receiving their uniforms last Saturday.